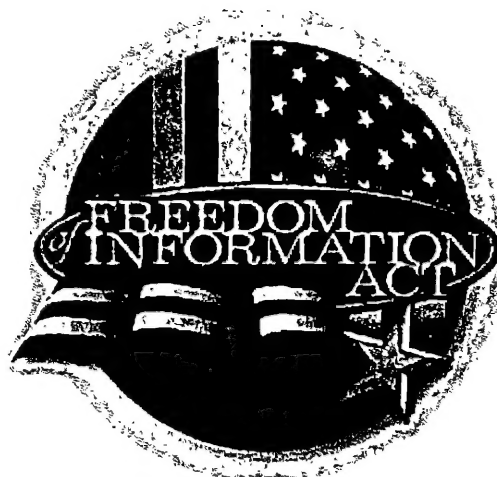


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May 8, 1934.

Director,  
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: JOHN DILLINGER, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I.O.# 1217, et al.  
N.M.V.T.A. and HARBORING.  
St. Paul File No. 26-2434.

There are attached, hereto, two letters addressed by EVELYN FRECHETTE to Miss Marge Edwards, of 841 Cornelia Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and Mrs. Joseph Warrington of Neopit, Wisconsin.

The originals of these letters, together with their envelopes with postage attached, are being forwarded to the Division, and copies of each of them to the Chicago Office.

It was deemed inadvisable at this time particularly to permit these communications to reach their destination, and they are forwarded to the Division as specimens of BILLIE FRECHETTE'S handwriting.

Very truly yours,

H. H. CLEGG,

Inspector.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

MR. NATHAN  
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MR. LESTER  
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MR. ROSEN

I called Agent Wynn tonight at Indianapolis, Indiana, in the absence of Mr. Connelley, who had proceeded to Richmond, Indiana, in an effort to check up on the license plates issued at Richmond for the car in which Hamilton was alleged to have been seen at Oxford, Ohio. Mr. Wynn stated that they also had information to the effect that a doctor at Goldsmith, Indiana, which is fifty miles north of Indianapolis, was a school friend of Dillinger and that he is known to have treated Dillinger; that Agent Johnson was at Goldsmith, Indiana at the present time checking up on this item.

Mr. Purvis at Chicago stated that they had no more recent developments; that the story as told by a colored informant, to the effect that Dillinger was hiding out at Indiana Harbor, had proven to be false, at least in part, and that the information given by him was to the effect that there is a garage in the rear of this address, but upon being checked it was discovered there was no garage. Mr. Purvis stated that they would raid the house early in the morning.

Mr. Hanson at Birmingham advised that they have been unable to find any trace of the car reported to have been seen at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, but that they are still working on that angle and that all southern offices have been notified, as well as local officials in the neighboring cities.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley  
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May 9, 1934.

Director,  
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U.S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

RE: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER with  
aliases--FUGITIVE --I.O. 1217  
et al - NAT'L MOTOR VEH. THEFT ACT.

Dear Sir:

For your information please be advised that on May 2, 1934, Captain Thomas J. Callaghan of the United States Secret Service, Chicago, Illinois, communicated with me stating that one [redacted] possessed information which he desired to impart to me.

[redacted] was later interviewed and stated that [redacted] Wisconsin Conservation Commission, Madison, Wisconsin, informed him that he had heard that Dillinger and his associates were going to Emil Wanatka's place near Rhinelander. The date when it was alleged Dillinger was proceeding to that place was not known. Special Agent R. G. Gillespie, who was at Madison, at that time was requested to interview [redacted] and on May 3, 1934, Agent Gillespie communicated with Special Agent V. W. Peterson of this office from Madison and stated that he had interviewed [redacted] in accordance with my request.

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[redacted] advised Special Agent Gillespie that he is acquainted with [redacted] who owns a cabin near Manitowish, Wisconsin, and that he saw [redacted] in Madison about three or four weeks ago. [redacted] denied positively that he had informed [redacted] that he was in possession of information that Dillinger would be at Wanatka's Place, which is known as Little Bohemia Lodge. He stated however, that he told [redacted] that he had stopped at that place last October on one occasion, and that it appeared to him that a number of outlaws were stopping there on that occasion. [redacted] stated that he is in possession of no information whatever concerning Dillinger or his associates.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS, Jr.

Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Suite 1, Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: JOHN HENRY WILSON, with  
aliases—FUGITIVE—I.O. 1215  
et al. - HARRY EDWIN VERNON  
THEFT ACT.

Dear Sir:

Under date of May 8, 1934, the Chicago office received a  
letter from JACK WEST, General Delivery, Davenport, Iowa. This  
letter was mailed in an envelope bearing the postmark of Davenport,  
Iowa, May 8, 1934.

I am transmitting herewith a copy of the letter received  
from Jack West, for your information, and whatever consideration might  
be deemed advisable.

Very truly yours,

M. E. PURVIS,

Special Agent in Charge.

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I have seen in the paper that you want John Dillinger bad and I have been thinking to over and if you want him so bad as the papers say you will give me a chance at it and after I come to there and tell my way of going about getting him you will say I have the rite way to do, but I want 50,000 and I'll have him in ten days for you Dead or alive that will all Depend on where he is at and how many men he has with him and if his three men are with him I'll have them to or they have me thats the way I feel about it hes not ough you just go to have the guts to go get him and I got thtem if you don t think so give me the chance at him so I can prove it to you but I got to do it my way and I dont need help to get him for you I am the only man that will get him while he is hiding out and I prove it if you give me the chance to do it so think this over and let me know how you feel about it keep this lette to your self and rite and let me know what you think.

Rite to Jack West

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Davenport Iowa.

Please answer soon

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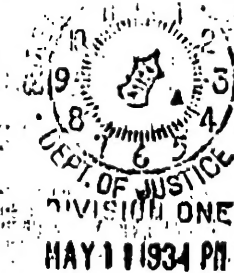
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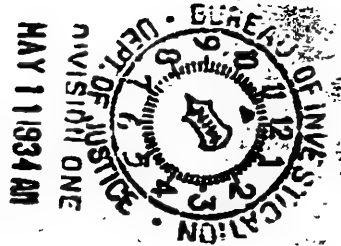
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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: John Dillinger with aliases,  
Fugitive, I.O. #1217, et al.,  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act,  
Harboring Fugitive from Justice.

I am in receipt of a letter from one F. Nejim, Taylor's  
Cafe, Hope, Arkansas, dated May 5, 1934, which is as follows:

"I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. John Edgar Hoover,  
Director of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department  
of Justice, Washington, D. C., advising me to take up the  
matter with you concerning which I wrote to his Department  
recently.

"I have a plan by which I believe it will be possible to  
secure 'the apprehension of John Dillinger'.

"My plan calls for some 'staged events' whereby an outsider  
could work into the confidence of gangdom. If this statement  
interests you, I would be willing to further consider with you.  
All I ask out of it is that expenses be paid."

I am acknowledging the receipt of this letter and requesting  
Mr. Nejim to submit to me in writing the particulars concerning his  
plans to effect the apprehension of Dillinger. Should he not furnish  
the information desired by letter, I shall have him interviewed when  
an Agent of this office is next in that vicinity. It would appear that  
this is not a matter requiring special attention. Should the Division,  
however, entertain a contrary opinion, I should like to be advised.

Very truly yours,

*Bright Brantley*  
Bright Brantley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-St. Paul  
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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

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TITLE <b>JOHN HENRY DILLINGER, with aliases, FUGITIVE I. O. #1217, et al.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.</b>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

All commercial airports, owners of charter airplanes, bus lines, steamship lines, and railroads within the district covered by the Boston Office, furnished with identification orders of Dillinger and John Hamilton, and furnished with instructions to immediately communicate any information to the Boston Office. All information concerning automobiles believed to be used by the Dillinger group furnished all state police and motor vehicle officers operating in this district.

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## REFERENCES:

Division telegrams dated April 2, 1934, and April 12, 1934.  
Division letter dated April 2, 1934.  
Telegram from Inspector Clegg, St. Paul, Minnesota, to Boston Office dated April 7, 1934.  
Letter from the Cincinnati Office to the Birmingham Office dated April 9, 1934.  
Report of Special Agent E. E. Thompson, Boston Office, dated April 24, 1934.

## DETAILS:

This is a report of all investigative activity conducted by the Boston Office, seeking the apprehension of the subjects of this case, over the period above mentioned, excepting matters which have already been covered by report from this office through the same period.

Upon receipt of the Division's telegram of April 2, 1934, directing an immediate check of all airports for the location and apprehension of Dillinger, John Hamilton, and Evelyn Prochette, the writer on interviewing Mr. Tiffany, the manager of the American Airways, at the East Boston, Massachusetts Airport, was advised that his line which runs from Boston, Mass. to

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Newark, N. J., makes but one stop and that at Hartford, Conn. Mr. Tiffany was furnished by the writer with a supply of identification orders relating to Dillinger and Hamilton, as well as with typed descriptions of Evelyn Prochette, and arrangements were made with him whereby he would distribute the same to all ticket agents and pilots. A check made with him of recent arrivals at the East Boston Airport failed to disclose the arrival of anyone connected with this group. Mr. Tiffany agreed to telephone the Boston Office immediately in the event that anyone answering any of the descriptions should seek transportation from the East Boston Airport and advised that in the event it was impracticable to notify the office in advance before the departure of the plane, he would immediately telephone the destination and description of the person or persons to the office together with other details as soon as he received them.

Operating out of the same airport at East Boston, Mass., is a line of planes conducted by the Boston and Maine Airways and the Central Vermont Airways, flying between East Boston, Massachusetts and Burlington, Vermont, at which point connections are made for Montreal, Canada, and between East Boston, Massachusetts and Bangor, Maine, the latter over the lines of the Boston and Maine Airways. Agent conferred with Mr. Hubbard who represents both the Boston and Maine and the Central Vermont Airways at the East Boston Airport. Mr. Hubbard was furnished with identification orders relating to Dillinger and Hamilton and description of Evelyn Prochette and agreed to distribute the same among his ticket agents and plane pilots. Arrangements were also made with him whereby he would immediately telephone the Boston Division Office in the event of the receipt of any information. He also advised that over the Central Vermont Line the planes made stops at Manchester, New Hampshire, Concord, New Hampshire, White River Junction, Vermont, Montpelier, Vermont, and Burlington, Vermont. He further advised that over the Boston and Maine Line the planes made stops at Portland, Maine, Waterville, Maine, and Bangor, Maine.

Special Agent (A) J. W. Haregar of this office, who was detailed to cover the airports of the Boston and Maine Airways, submits the following information:

Harold E. Traxell, Assistant Manager of the Portland Airport Corporation, Scarborough, Maine, reported that due to bad ground conditions no transport planes had landed in that field between March 17, 1934, and April 8, 1934, the only plane making a landing there being that owned by one Frank Simpson of Brunswick, Maine, that landed on April 1, 1934, but in this instance Mr. Traxell knew that Simpson carried no passengers. Mr. David B. Putnam is the ticket agent for this service at that



field.

Captain D. J. Ellsworth, Police Headquarters, Portland, Maine, was contacted by Agent Mercer and arrangements made for his assistance at the Portland Airport in the event of an emergency.

Mr. W. H. Haden, Manager, Waterville Municipal Airport, Waterville, Maine, advised at the time of the call of Agent Mercer that no landings had been made for one week due to bad ground conditions. The usual arrangements were made with Mr. Haden and the latter, in addition, advised Agent Mercer that there were private flying fields at Millonocket, Caribou, and Presque Isle, Maine, as well as thirteen so-called "harnstorming" fields at Showhegan, Brownville Junction, Farmington, Moose Head Lake, Mattawamkeag, Island Falls, Houlton, Fryeburg, Center Lovell, Jackson, Bruno, Livermore Falls, and Dexter, Maine.

Alfred Poirier, Chief of Police at Waterville, was contacted by Agent Mercer and agreed to render any assistance in an emergency arising at the Waterville Airport.

Frank E. Crymble, manager of the Bangor Airport, Bangor, Maine, advised Agent Mercer that no planes had landed at that field for one week prior to the visit of Agent Mercer because of bad ground conditions, and also advised that no strange planes had been at that airport since the fall of 1933, and further that the only private plane in that vicinity known to Mr. Crymble is one owned by Phillip Bressner, Essex Street, Bangor, Maine, which Mr. Crymble stated had not been flown for more than two weeks prior to the time of the call of Agent Mercer and then had been engaged in the transportation of food for C. N. A. workers.

John W. Mahoney, Deputy Chief of Police, Bangor, Maine, was contacted by Agent Mercer and advised that he would maintain contact with the Bangor field and be ready in the event of an emergency.

In all of the above instances Agent Mercer left with each person identification orders and descriptions of the persons wanted as well as the address and telephone number of the Boston Division Office, and also made arrangements whereby the Boston Division Office would be immediately notified by telephone in the event of any information coming to the attention of the persons named.

Special Agent A. P. Barber of this office who was detailed to cover the line traversed by the Central Vermont Airways

and to make arrangements with local police for assistance in the event of an emergency, submitted the following information:

Richard Worth, Manager of the Manchester Municipal Airport located at Goff's Falls, New Hampshire, advised there had been but one arriving passenger at that airport since Sunday, April 1, and that person did not answer the description of any of the persons wanted.

C. J. Marston, Manager of the Concord, N. H. Municipal Airport, advised that no one answering the descriptions of the persons wanted had appeared at that airport within the last ten days, at least, and assured that all incoming and departing passengers would be scrutinized.

M. L. Bugbee, Manager of the Twin-State Airport, at White River Junction, Vermont, advised that ground conditions had not permitted a landing within the four days prior to the visit of Agent Barber and that in the future he will scrutinize any incoming or outgoing passengers.

Ernest W. Doories, Manager of the Montpelier-Bark Airport at Montpelier, Vermont, advised that no ships had landed at that field for one week prior to the call of Agent Barber and that he will carefully observe all incoming and outgoing passengers.

Harry Fugh, Manager of the Burlington Municipal Airport at Burlington, Vermont, advised that he was satisfied that no one answering the descriptions of the persons wanted had arrived at or departed from that airport during the week preceding the call of Agent Barber, and that he will carefully observe all incoming and outgoing passengers.

In each instance a supply of identification orders and descriptions were left with the manager of these ports and with the chief of police in each one of these cities with instructions that any information should be immediately telephoned to the Boston office of the Division, the person in each instance being furnished with the Boston Office address and telephone number.

The writer obtained from Mr. R. D. Hoyt of the U. S. Department of Commerce at the East Boston Airport, East Boston, Mass., a list of the names and addresses of all persons owning planes and permitting the chartering of the same. Each of those persons was communicated with by letter enclosing identification orders of Dillinger and Hamilton, as well as a description of Evelyn Frechette, and each plane owner was requested to immediately telephone the Boston office in the event that anyone answering these descriptions would seek transportation. The persons and companies thus contacted were as follows:



Portland Flying Service, West Scarborough, Maine; Northeast Flying Service, Manchester Airport, Manchester, New Hampshire; State, Incorporated, Rhode Island State Airport, Millisgrove, Rhode Island; Henry V. Olden, Fairhaven, Massachusetts; E. W. Higgins Airways, Inc., Rhode Island State Airport, Millisgrove, Rhode Island; Southern New England Flying Service, East Green Airport, Pawtucket, Rhode Island; Inter City Air Lines, Inc., East Boston, Massachusetts; John Shobe, East Boston, Massachusetts; Arthur Farnsworth, East Boston, Massachusetts; E. W. Higgins Airways, Inc., Metropolitan Airport, Norwood, Massachusetts; Dennison Airport Operating Company, North Quincy, Massachusetts; Ingalls Aircraft Corporation, Mattick, Massachusetts; John S. MacNamee, Marlboro, Massachusetts; Alton B. Sherman, Hyannis, Massachusetts.

In addition to the above, the following bus transportation companies were communicated with by letter and were furnished with supplies of identification orders of Dillinger and Hamilton and description of Evelyn Frechette, with the request that the same be distributed among their drivers and ticket takers, and the Boston Office immediately notified by telephone in the event that any information concerning the wanted persons was received: Boston, Worcester and New York Street Railway Company, Framingham, Massachusetts; Gray Line Bus Company, 45 Providence St., Boston, Massachusetts; Greenfield and Boston Motor Express Company, Inc., Greenfield, Massachusetts; Interstate Buses Corporation, Springfield, Massachusetts; Interstate Transit Corporation, Attleboro, Massachusetts; Metropolitan Coach Company, 303 Trapele Road, Belmont, Massachusetts; Short Line, Incorporated, Newport, Rhode Island; Red Transportation Company, Inc., Busselaar, New York; The Short Line, Incorporated, of Massachusetts, Worcester, Massachusetts; Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company, 33 Channing Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

The following passenger carrying steamship lines and agents in this district were likewise communicated with and supplied with identification orders of Dillinger and Hamilton, and description of Evelyn Frechette furnished them by mail, and request made that they immediately notify the Boston Office by telephone in the event of the receipt of any information: Merchants and Miners Transportation Company, Pier #8, Northern Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts; Eastern Steamship Company, India Wharf, Boston, Massachusetts; New England Steamship Company, Fall River, Massachusetts; New England Steamship Company, Providence, Rhode Island.

Further, each steamship company, foreign and coastwise, having an office or agency office in Boston was personally contacted by Agent J. W. Marcar who left at each office a supply of identification orders on Dillinger and Hamilton and descriptions

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of Evelyn Frechette, with request that the Boston Office be immediately notified by telephone in the event of the receipt of any information. Those offices covered by Agent Harcer were as follows: American Export Lines, #188 State St., Boston, Mass.; Cunard Steamship Co., #33 State Street, Boston, Mass.; Dollar Steamship Lines, #177 State St., Boston, Mass.; The Export Steamship Corp., #131 State Street, Boston, Mass.; Luckenbach Steamship Co., #131 State St., Boston, Mass.; Swedish-American Line, #18 State St., Boston, Mass.; Canadian Steamship Lines, #80 Boylston St., Boston, Mass.; Hamburg-American Lines, #80 Boylston St., Boston, Mass.; North German Lloyd, #252 Boylston St., Boston, Mass.; Panama Mail Steamship Co., #80 Boylston St., Boston, Mass.; Clyde-Mallory Lines, #60 Franklin St., Boston, Mass.; French Line, #421 Boylston St., Boston, Mass.; Grace Line, #80 Boylston St., Boston, Mass.; Holland-American Line, #14 Providence St., Boston, Mass.; Italian Line, #86 Arlington St., Boston, Mass.; Morgan Line, #294 Washington St., Boston, Mass.; Hanson Line, #33 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.; Eve's Steamship Agency, #77 Boston, Mass.

The following railroad representatives were contacted by the writer and furnished with identification orders relating to Dillinger and Hamilton, and description of Evelyn Frechette, and each of them advised he would distribute the identification orders and descriptions among the conductors, ticket agents, and Pullman car employees of their lines, with instructions to immediately telephone the Boston Division Office concerning any information received.

H. J. Morhan, Chief of Police, Boston and Maine Railroad, North Station, Boston, Massachusetts; James Rafferty, Captain of Police, Boston and Albany Railroad, South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, and J. M. Kelly, Captain of Police, New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, South Station, Boston, Massachusetts.

Fifty copies each of the identification orders relating to Dillinger and Hamilton were forwarded by letter to the Agent in Charge, Dominion Immigration Service, St. James Street, Montreal, Canada, for distribution among the Canadian Immigration Service offices with the request that should Dillinger or Hamilton apply for admission to Canada, such entrance should be prevented, and the nearest Division office advised by telephone, the Agent in Charge being furnished with the telephone number of the Boston Office.

A supply of such identification orders was also mailed to Mr. James Landis, District Director of Immigration and Naturalization Service, at Newport, Vermont, for distribution among the border officers within his jurisdiction.

Upon the receipt of telegram dated April 9, 1934, from Inspector Clegg, St. Paul, Minnesota, directing that steps be taken to hold the person or persons found in possession of the Ford Buick



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Luxé Sedan, Motor No. 40-884513, carrying Minnesota license, 1934, B420-213, Agent W. T. West of this office on the same evening telephoned that information to the Massachusetts State Police, State House, Boston, Massachusetts; to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation of the Boston Police Department, Lieutenant Goughlin in command; to Sergeant Norman of the Rhode Island State Police, and to Officer Doyle of the Maine State Police at Augusta, Maine. That information was immediately sent out over the teletype wire and was also broadcast to all cruising cars during the evening. New Hampshire and Vermont do not have state police forces, but on Monday, April 9, 1934, the writer conveyed the same information by telephone to Hurdock A. Campbell, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, Montpelier, Vermont, and to J. F. Griffin, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, Concord, New Hampshire, and they in turn relayed the same to their motor vehicle inspectors.

On receipt of the Division's telegram dated April 12, 1934, directing that Stop Notices be placed with border officers, steamship and airplane companies, to prevent these subjects from leaving the United States, Agent West of this office telephoned to the office of Mr. James Landis, District Director of Immigration and Naturalization Service, Newport, Vermont (Inspector Hesse on duty) all the information available concerning these subjects including descriptions of automobiles available at that time, and Inspector Hesse advised that that the same information would be relayed to the American and Canadian border patrol men and customs officers. The Boston, Massachusetts office of the Passport Bureau of the U. S. Department of State, 1100 U. S. Post Office and Court House Building, Boston, was also furnished with identification orders and information.

On the receipt by the Boston Office of a copy of a letter dated April 9, 1934, from the Cincinnati Office to the Birmingham Office in relation to the Ford V-8 De Luxe Sedan, Motor No. 75157A, Indiana license plates for 1934 numbered 86386, reported as purchased under the name of Fred Penfield, 409 North La Salle Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, the details concerning the case were communicated to Hurdock A. Campbell, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, Montpelier, Vermont; James W. Hanson, Chief, State Highway Police, Augusta, Maine; Captain James P. Mahoney of the State Police, Boston, Massachusetts; Captain J. H. Harwood, Rhode Island State Police, Providence, Rhode Island; John F. Griffin, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, Concord, New Hampshire, with the request that if this car should be observed it should be detained and this office immediately notified. In addition, the Massachusetts Motor Vehicle Registry at Boston, Massachusetts, was notified by the writer.

On April 13, 1934, Police Officer Raynor of the Weston, Massachusetts Police Department (Weston is a small town about fifteen miles out of Boston) reported to the Massachusetts State Police that

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At about 1:30 A. M., that date, he engaged in a gun battle with five or six occupants of an Essex Terraplane 1933 model, dark colored Sedan, bearing Illinois license plates over New York license plates, the last four figures of the Illinois plates being 3236. This matter was investigated by Lieutenant Sherlock of the Massachusetts State Police who advised Agent J. M. Schulz of this office that Officer Raynor claimed that about 1:30 A. M. on April 19, while patrolling on South Avenue, Weston, two hundred yards from the Ratich, Massachusetts line, he observed the car travelling westward in the general direction of New York; that one man in the car was yelling for help, and that he, Raynor, fired seventeen shots after the occupants of the car had opened gunfire on him. This information was telegraphed Chicago on the same date, and that office reported that Illinois records indicated that the only license ending with the figures 3236 for an Essex Terraplane Sedan is license 552336 issued to Mr. Peter Reuter, 31723 Armitage Avenue, Chicago, owner of the Reuter Manufacturing Company at that address, who advised that his car and license plates had not been out of his possession. The information obtained from the Chicago Office was furnished to Captain Michael Barrett in charge of the Massachusetts State Police, and the occupants of the car in question at Weston, Massachusetts, have not yet been identified.

In compliance with the request contained in a letter from the Chicago Office dated April 23, 1934, Special Agent A. E. Farland of this office made a search of the records at the plant of the Smith and Wesson Company, Springfield, Massachusetts, for the purpose of tracing Smith & Wesson pistols found in a raid on the Little Bohemia Lodge at Spider Lake, Wisconsin. That inquiry by Agent Farland developed that Smith & Wesson .38 calibre Special Pistol No. 51024 was sold October 12, 1904 to the Crane Creek C. and S. Company, More, West Virginia; that the Smith & Wesson .38 calibre .44 Double Action Pistol No. 40599 was sold December 15, 1931 to Hanny's Sporting Goods Store, Warsaw, Indiana, and that the Smith & Wesson .38 calibre Special Pistol No. 576426 was sold February 7, 1933 to J. R. Pittenger, Chief of Police, Warsaw, Indiana. This particular information was conveyed by letter to the Chicago Office.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE BOSTON OFFICE at Boston, Mass., will maintain contact with Lieutenant Sherlock of the Massachusetts State Police for the purpose of obtaining any further developments in his investigation of the reported firing on Officer Raynor of the Weston, Massachusetts Police, April 19, 1934, by occupants of an automobile alleged to have been carrying Illinois plates the last four figures of which were 3236.

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**P. O. Box 515,  
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**May 8, 1934.**

**Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.**

**Dear Sir:**

**RE: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I.O. # 1217, et al.  
N.M.V.T.A. and HARBORING.  
St. Paul File No. 26-2434.**

**MRS. BESSIE CRUICK, alias MRS. BESSIE SKINNER, gave the following  
information concerning HARRY SAWYER:**

**DANNY HOGAN was once the boss of the underworld in St. Paul.  
During the course of his operations he became acquainted with HARRY SAWYER,  
alias HARRY PORCHER, with other aliases, who came here from Omaha and Lincoln,  
Nebraska. SAWYER handled such transactions as the disposal of jewelry and  
stolen goods for HOGAN. Upon HOGAN'S death (He was killed), the gangs  
naturally migrated to SAWYER, who had assumed something of a partnership  
relationship with DANNY HOGAN.**

**HARRY SAWYER'S wife, GLADYS BUNDY MASON SAWYER, has a half-sister  
likewise by the name of BUNDY, which apparently is MRS. SAWYER'S maiden  
name. BESSIE claims that LARRY BARTON, now serving a sentence in the Still-  
water, Minnesota, Penitentiary, left some money with HARRY SAWYER, and that  
he, on the occasion of his trial and sentence, was raising quite a howl  
about SAWYER having this money. BESSIE further states that HARRY SAWYER  
is a close friend of HERB PARKER and wife, who figured prominently in the  
Kansas City massacre activities.**

**BESSIE stated that some time ago a bank at Fairbury, Nebraska,  
was robbed and that those participating in the robbery were FRANK NASH,  
VERNE MILLER, RAY KARPIS, FRED BARKER, DOC BARKER, EDDIE GREEN, and a man  
whose first name was EARL, who got killed at Fairbury. The money obtained  
in this robbery was turned over to HARRY SAWYER to exchange for coal money,  
and SAWYER kept a much larger percentage than they planned for him to take  
and shortly afterwards bought a farm near the Twin Cities, and the boys  
frequently laughed about having bought this farm for SAWYER. She stated**

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that this money was handled by SAWYER through HARTMAN, a local mobster, who, she believes, took the money to Chicago for exchange. She stated there might have been some bonds and securities obtained through this robbery also. She further claims this is the only occasion on which EDDIE GREEN worked with the BARKER-KARPIS gang, although he was invited to join the mob in the Northwestern Bank robbery in Minneapolis, but did not do so, instead of which he, EDDIE GREEN, being an iron worker, hung around all day at the Union headquarters in St. Paul and had BESSIE call him three or four times during the day to make sure that he would be identified and have an alibi.

She advised that GLADYS SAWYER, HARRY SAWYER'S wife, is a notorious drunk, who was treated for over-intoxication frequently by DR. MONTGOMERY and DR. HALL, and formerly by DR. PLANKERS, and GLADYS SAWYER takes trips to Chicago frequently and there makes a contact with two of HARRY SAWYER'S friends, a man and woman who use the names "SKIP and MAYME". Likewise she states that SAWYER uses a connection in Chicago which was formerly made use of by DANNY HOGAN. This connection is BARNEY BURCH, whose wife MAGGIE, died a year or so ago from cancer. BURCH and MAGGIE lived on Magnolia Avenue in a duplex, "A long ways out", certainly far past the Uptown Theater and Hotel. BESSIE at one time stated probably in the 4700 block on Magnolia, and she then stated that it would obviously be much further out than that.

RE: BREMER CASE.

BESSIE advised that she had previously informed us, as she had, that EDDIE GREEN had indicated to her the likelihood of HARRY SAWYER having the BREMER kidnap ransom money in his possession to hold for a period of 90 days, after which it would be disposed of through channels in the East, i.e. New York or Chicago. When learning of the arrest of McLAUGHLIN, VIDLER, and DELANEY in Chicago, she stated: "You will observe that it was almost three months from the time of the payment of the ransom money until it made its first appearance in Chicago". She stated that she had felt certain all along that this statement was a correct one, although she had no evidence to support it. She claims that she is of the opinion that those participating in the BREMER kidnaping case were FRED BARKER, DOC BARKER, RAY KARPIS, HARRY CAMPBELL, VOLNEY DAVIS, WILLIAM WEAVER, and "DUTCH", whose last name she does not know but whose girl friend, FRANCES, had previously had her husband killed, and she had a Lincoln automobile which was sold to ANDY BORTHMEYER and his girl friend MYRTLE EATON. It is to be observed from letter addressed to the Division on

May 4, 1934 that "DUTCH" comes from Des Moines, Iowa, and that he has a girl friend by the name of FRANCES whose man was killed in Kansas City six or seven years ago. She now recalls that MYRTLE KATON, WILLIAM WEAVER, "DUTCH" and FRANCES had a place on Twin Lakes, which is in Wisconsin just North of the Illinois line, or in Illinois just South of the Wisconsin line. In this connection it is observed that there is a town or location known as Twin Lakes in Wisconsin just North of Richmond, Illinois, and Southwest of Lake Geneva. She stated that it was in the realm of possibility that the BREMER hideout may have been in this place, although she stated that this would be a wild guess.

She stated that BIG HOMER, alias BIG BOY, might also have been in the BREMER kidnaping case, but she did not know about that.

RE: HARM KIDNAPING CASE.

HESSIE GREEN states that those who kidnaped MR. HARM were VERNER MILLER, FRANK NASH, alias DR. JELLY, the BARKER Brothers, and RAY KARPIS. She stated that this information came to her from EDDIE GREEN, and EDDIE GREEN had gotten it from VOLNEY DAVIS. VOLNEY DAVIS was scheduled to participate in the kidnaping but was out of it when he took a trip to his home, and the job was pulled in his absence. Due to his absence the gang invited TUBBY GANNON of St. Paul to join in the kidnaping, but TUBBY GANNON was drunk and they had to leave him behind. She stated that she felt quite certain that BILL WEAVER, VOLNEY DAVIS, and HARRY CAMPBELL were not in on the HARM kidnaping. She does not believe that HARRY CAMPBELL had entered the picture of this gang at that time; she at least had never seen him, and likewise VOLNEY DAVIS and BILL WEAVER were both "broke" and living on borrowed money up until the time of the BREMER kidnaping, when they departed, and she stated that had they been in on the HARM kidnaping job they would have had some money and would not have been living on borrowed funds.

She stated that she had understood that the money in the HARM kidnaping case was split twelve ways, and this included individuals unknown to her who aided in disposing of the hot money; those who fingered the job, as well as those who found the hideout. She has been informed, however, by EDDIE GREEN, who obtained his information she thinks from VOLNEY DAVIS, that WILLIAM W. DURN, who received the first phone call or message from the HARM kidnapers, and who is an employee of the Harm Brewery, was in fact a participant in this twelve way cut of the ransom money.

RE: DILLINGER CASE

BESSIE advised that she understood that PAT GERRINGTON had had an operation performed for appendicitis in Chicago a short time before DILLINGER was "jumped out" of his apartment at 93 South Lexington Avenue in St. Paul, and that the stitches on the incision broke and Dr. MONTGOMERY had treated her in this connection.

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BESSIE GREEN stated that the gang had frequently talked about leaving the Twin Cities but because of HARRY SAWYER'S connections they decided that this was the safest place for them to be in as HARRY is always tipped off before a raid is made. She stated that the gang loses a car frequently for they are registered under fictitious names and when they get a traffic ticket, instead of reporting they abandon the car and have to buy a new automobile. She stated that those whom she believes or has heard are connected officially, and who tip off the mobsters in St. Paul of any contemplated raids, are TOM BROWN, Inspector CHUBLEY, Detective McMILLIN, and "Don't forget MR. PASSOLT, who is head of the Criminal Apprehension Bureau of the State of Minnesota". She also indicated that she had heard that one of the TIERNKYS was a "right guy" but she was not sure which one, and had no specific act in mind which had ever been performed by either CHARLIE or JOHN TIERNKY.

She stated that TOM BROWN is now a candidate for sheriff, together with some other individuals connected with the police department, as well as the present sheriff, GEORGE MUELLER. She stated that GEORGE MUELLER was perhaps a little too friendly with the underworld, but at that not as friendly as TOM BROWN. She stated that EDDIE GREEN, JOHN DILLINGER, JOHN HAMILTON, HOMER VAN MEYER, JIMMIE WILLIAMS, alias "BABY FACE" NELSON, TOMMY GANNON, and TOMMY GANNON had each contributed something more than \$200, making a total of \$1500 which was delivered in cash personally by EDDIE GREEN to TOM FILLEN as a portion of the campaign funds for TOM BROWN'S campaign for sheriff.

BESSIE GREEN advises that WILLIE TIERNKY of Cicero, Illinois, a brother-in-law of JACK DAVENPORT, is a friend of the BARKER-KARPIS gang.



HESSIE GREEN advised that she had been informed on several occasions by EDDIE GREEN that DANNY HOGAN, and perhaps HARRY SAWYER, had a girl who worked in the Prohibition Unit in the Federal Building. She states that she does not know the identity of this girl, but had frequently heard EDDIE GREEN state that he wondered who DANNY'S or HARRY'S girl friend was that was employed by the Prohibition people. Also EDDIE GREEN had told her that the predecessor of Mr. Harnsey, and she believes his name is Silverman, was likewise a "right guy".

Very truly yours,

  
H. H. GREEN,

Inspector.

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Laboratory Report

May 4, 1934.

Case: John Herbert Dillinger, with aliases, Number:  
Fugitive, I.O. 1217; John Hamilton, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I.O. 1220; Homer Van Meter, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I.O. 1222, et al; National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

Specimens: 1. Shotgun ball removed from right arm of John Hoffman. 2. Copper nosed bullet, apparently of .45 caliber. 3. Copper nosed bullet, apparently of .45 caliber. 4. Three exploded shells of .45 caliber marked on end "FA 28", Rem-UMC .45 ACP", "WRA Co. .45 A.C." 5. 2 exploded .45 caliber shells marked "REM-UMC .45 ACP". 6. 1 exploded .45 caliber shell marked "REM-UMC .45 ACP". 7. 7 exploded shells as follows: 3 of .45 caliber marked on end "FA 28", 2 of .45 caliber marked on end "REM-UMC .45 ACP", 2 of .38 caliber marked on end "REM-UMC .38 ACP".  
Examination requested by: Chicago Office.

Date received: April 28, 1934.

Examination requested: Ballistic.

Result of examination: Examination by: C.A.Appel.

#1. The shotgun ball appears to be No. 1 buckshot.

#2. This bullet is copper colored in a metal covering deformed on the edge of the base. It has 6 grooves slanting to the right and weighs 229 grains and is from .45 to .475 inches in diameter. It is concluded that this was fired from a .45 caliber Thompson Machine Gun.

#3. This is a copper colored bullet which has 6 grooves to the left, weighs 228.5 grains, and is .451 to .47 inches in diameter. It is believed to have been fired from a Colt .45 Automatic.

#4. All six of these shells have been marked with four notches, each on the top lip. It is believed that those marked A and B were fired from the same gun, a Colt Automatic. It is probable also that the cartridge marked X was fired from this same gun. The remainder were probably fired from a Thompson Machine Gun.

#5. These specimens were not fired from the same gun and appear to have been fired from a Thompson Machine Gun.

#6. These specimens were probably shot from a .45 Colt Automatic Pistol, but they do not match with other specimens.

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#7. Three of these specimens were apparently fired in the same Thompson Sub-Machine Gun. Two others were fired from the same Colt Automatic; and the two .38 caliber Automatic Super cartridges were fired from the same Colt Automatic.

Photographs illustrating characteristic markings on the above described specimens will be prepared and one set of copies transmitted to the Kansas City Office in connection with their case entitled KANMO.

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- 2 - Chicago.
- 1 - Mr. Clegg.
- 2 - Laboratory.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I.O. 1217; JOHN HAMILTON,  
with aliases, Fugitive I.O. 1220;  
HOWARD VAN METTER, with aliases, Fugitive,  
I.O. 1222, et al,  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

Dear Sir:

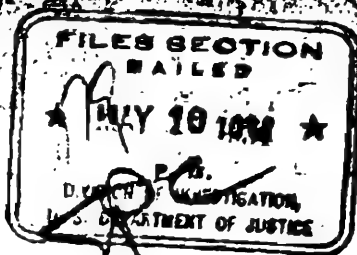
There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report  
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office  
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in  
the Division April 28, 1934.

Very truly yours,

Director

Enclosure: 554647.

cc Laboratory Report  
Mr. E. H. Clegg,  
St. Paul.



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P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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May 7, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: JOHN DILLINGER, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. # 1217, et al.  
N.M.V.T.A. and HARBORING.  
St. Paul File No. 26-2434.

There are attached, hereto, signed statements of Special Agent J. E. Brennan and S.W. Hardy of the St. Paul Office, and Special Agent R. G. Gillespie of the Chicago Office, with reference to facts known by them concerning investigations made in the vicinity of Rhinelander, Wisconsin, on April 22 and 23, 1934.

A copy of each of the enclosures is likewise being transmitted to the Chicago Office.

Very truly yours,

H. H. CLEGG,

Inspector.

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MEMORANDUM RE DILLINGER

This memorandum is submitted in accordance with instructions of inspector H. H. Clegg, being the impressions of special agent S. W. Hardy as to what occurred at the Little Bohemia resort in Wisconsin, April 22 and 23, 1934.

Special agent S. W. Hardy went by plane from St. Paul, Minnesota to Rhinelander, Wisconsin on the afternoon of Sunday, April 22, 1934, with inspectors Clegg and Rorer and agents Melvin and Brennan, arriving at Rhinelander, Wisconsin, about 5:30 P. M., where two informants, whose names are not now recalled, met inspector Clegg, and, in the presence of agent Hardy, one of these informants told inspector Clegg that the place where Dillinger and his gang were located was at the Little Bohemia resort, some fifty miles north of Rhinelander, Wisconsin. This man had drawn a rough sketch of the resort. He identified the photo of Tommy Carroll as one of the men at the resort, and stated that Dillinger and his men were both in the main lodge of the resort proper and in a little cabin to the right of the main lodge. Around 6:00 P. M., or shortly thereafter, two planes arrived from Chicago, division office, and arrangements were made through the Ford dealer at Rhinelander to secure automobiles to transport the agents to Little Bohemia resort. Mr. Purvis and Mr. Clegg seemed to be directing the party, but this agent did not know just what the actual plan was to be on arrival at Little Bohemia resort. The guides accompanied the three cars of agents to a point on the main highway where the private road into Little Bohemia resort turned off, at which point they left the agents, they having already ascertained that Mrs. Emil Wenatka and her son had left the resort and that the resort was only supposed to contain Emil Wenatka, the proprietor of the resort, and his two assistants, Frank Traube and George Bagso, who worked for Wenatka, and who were described as wearing white shirts, in addition to Dillinger's crowd.

On arriving at the point where the private road turned into Little Bohemia, the three cars containing the agents proceeded into the driveway with the lights turned out, proceeding approximately one-third to one-half of the way from the main highway to the main lodge, where they stopped and the agents got out of the cars, most of the agents seeming to go on the north side of the roadway, and toward the main lodge. Agent Hardy, being in the last car, and observing the other agents go to the north side of the road near the lodge, proceeded on the south side of the road toward the main lodge. Agent Hardy heard some two, three or more dogs start barking as soon as the cars stopped in the driveway, and someone at or near the resort

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lodge yelled out "Federal law, federal officers". There seemed to be flashes of shots coming from the window on the second floor (front) of the main lodge toward the south and shots coming from the small cottage to the north of the main lodge, these shots hitting the trees around agent Hardy, who was just on the south side of the roadway into Little Bohemia, and about at the edge of the clearing. Most of the other agents seemed to be on the north side of the roadway behind trees and wood pile on the edge of the clearing, and not far distant from agent Hardy. Two men in white shirts were at the front of the main lodge and there was an automobile just southeast of the small building from which the firing had come just north of the main lodge. Just as someone at or near the lodge yelled "Federal law, federal officers", I heard someone whom I think was one of the government men, yell, "We are government officers - Department of Justice. Stop where you are. Put your hands up". Agent Hardy does not know who said this. It was very dark. There was machine gun fire from where the agents were, north of the road. Agent Hardy does not know who was shooting. One man was sitting on the ground to the south or southeast of the car, and one man was in the car. There was music, which may have come from an automobile radio or from some instrument inside the main lodge. One of the officers called out to the man on the ground by the car to identify himself, and the man said his name was John. He appeared to have been wounded, and special agent in charge, Purvis, called to agent Hardy to go back and get one of the officer's cars and drive it up to a position where the headlights would throw a light on the automobile in which the man was sitting, and near which the man on the ground was sitting. Agent Hardy went back and got the car designated by Mr. Purvis, drove it up to the edge of the clearing, and turned the lights on the man who was sitting near the car on the ground. Just at this time the man moved northward from the small cabin and Mr. Purvis instructed agent Hardy to turn the car lights around on the officer's car so that they would fall on the man who had been sitting near the car on the ground. Agent Hardy did this, and about this time another automobile came from the main highway down the private Little Bohemia drive to a point in the rear of where the other two cars of the agents were parked. The officers called out to the driver of this car to identify himself. In view of the fact that Mr. Clegg had received previous information that Dillinger and his gang were waiting for one member who had gone to Minneapolis the previous evening to return with ammunition, at which time it was expected the whole gang would leave Little Bohemia lodge, it being known that Dillinger and his gang did not expect to spend the night at Little Bohemia lodge, but were expecting to leave that lodge as soon as they were joined by the man who had driven to Minneapolis for ammunition. The party, or parties, in the car which drove up behind the two parked cars of the agents did not identify themselves, but seemed to take a lot of time looking over the cars so parked. Special agent Baum yelled several times at the parties in this car which had driven up to identify themselves, but they did not, and agent Hardy, who was only armed

with pistols, then went toward Baum to join the latter, at which time the car which had driven up behind the agents' cars backed up quite fast toward the main highway, and agent Baum used his machine gun, later telling agent Hardy he had fired at the tires.

Melvin Purvis then called on the government officers to yell out and identify themselves so that we would each know where each other were in the darkness, and called agent Hardy over to where he (Purvis) was. The car which had gone back to the main road remained there for a short time, with its lights on, drove up the road a little way, where agent Hardy later was informed by one of the same men who met Mr. Clegg at Rhinelander, to the effect that this car picked up a man who came out of the woods on the main highway approximately one-half to one mile from point where the Little Bohemia road comes out on the main road. A car which agent Hardy believes was the same car which had previously come in behind the agents' car then returned to the same spot behind the agents' car on the Little Bohemia private road from the main highway and agent Purvis instructed agents Baum, Newman and Hardy to ascertain the identity of the parties in this car. Agents Baum, Hardy and Newman worked back through the woods to a point near this car where the parties in the car were called to and ordered to identify themselves, to get out of the car and stand in the light, whereupon this car again backed up and turned around in the road very quickly, and agent Hardy, among others, started firing at it. Agent Hardy believes that he hit one of the tires on this car, as there was a sound of a tire bursting and the car thereafter was heard to run on the rim. It also sounded as if this car was a Ford V-8, and that something had happened to the ignition, as it seemed to be hitting on less than eight cylinders. This car again stopped momentarily on the main highway at the point where the Little Bohemia private road connects therewith.

Mr. Clegg then instructed agents Hardy, Newman and Baum to take one of the cars and find a telephone and let the sheriff of the county know that there was trouble at Little Bohemia lodge, and to bring assistance. Agents Hardy, Baum and Newman proceeded to \*Voss' Birch Wood Lodge, approximately two miles from Little Bohemia resort, where a telephone was found, and agent Baum remained outside in the car while agents Newman and Hardy phoned sheriff McGregor at Eagle River, Wisconsin, advising him of the shooting at Little Bohemia, and asking him to come immediately with such assistance as he could. His son, undersheriff Dell McGregor, stated that he would meet the agents at Voss' Birch Wood Lodge within an hour. About the time agent Hardy was through talking with sheriff McGregor at Eagle River, there was a call over the party line, which agent Hardy listened into, and ascertained that a party, whose name is not now recalled, but whose name is thought to be Kuenhert, and thought to be the operator of Mitchell's resort, some three miles from Little Bo-



hemia resort, was phoning to the effect that his Packard, 1928 model sedan, greenish blue body, bearing Wisconsin 1934 license plates 3111, had just been stolen from his garage. It appeared that one of the Dillinger gang had stolen this car, so agent Hardy suggested to agent Newman that the latter remain at the telephone and phone authorities in near-by towns to watch for this car and catch the driver of it, and agent Hardy told agent Newman that he (Hardy) would go with Baum to the Mitchell resort and try to head off the stolen Packard if it came toward the Voss' Birch Wood Lodge. However, agent Newman suggested that Hardy remain at the telephone and give the alarm to surrounding towns, and that Newman would go with agent Baum. Agent Hardy called surrounding towns; also called Chicago division office and St. Paul division office, advising those offices to call different peace officers and sheriffs throughout Wisconsin to be on the lookout for that car. Shortly thereafter agent Newman returned to Voss' Birch Wood Lodge, stating he had been unable to locate the Kuenhert place, had not seen the stolen Packard on the road, and asked better directions from Mr. and Mrs. Voss concerning how to get to Kuenhert's place, such directions being given him, and he and agent Baum went again toward Kuenhert's place, leaving agent Hardy at Voss' Birch Wood Lodge, telephoning to the near-by towns and peace officers of the description of the stolen Packard car. Shortly thereafter agent Newman was brought to Voss' Birch Wood Lodge with a scalp wound on the right side of his forehead, and told agent Hardy that the two men with him had been shot; that he thought agent Baum had been shot through the head and killed, and the other man, constable Carl Christensen, had been badly shot, and that he thought that "Baby Face" Nelson had done the shooting. Agent Hardy, in the meantime, phoned the Washington, D.C. office, National 7117, giving such details as he then had, and was instructed by Washington to remain at the phone and give as much news of the situation as could be secured. Agent Hardy had ascertained that there was a second telephone system in Voss' Birch Wood Lodge which went to other lodges around the lake, known as the Kerner System, and which had a connection directly into Little Bohemia Lodge. Agent Hardy kept phoning Little Bohemia Lodge, and when parties there would answer he would instruct them that federal officers were around the lodge and for them to come out of the lodge with their hands up and that they would not be harmed. Agent Hardy talked on one occasion to Emil Wenatka, the proprietor of Little Bohemia Lodge, who stated that he did not know at that time whether the Dillinger bunch were still in the Little Bohemia main lodge or not. He also talked with three other parties at three different times, whose names he does not know, and who stated that there were men inside of Little Bohemia Lodge, but would not tell who they were. Shortly thereafter, Emil Wenatka and his two assistants, Frank Traube and George Basso, came to Voss' Birch Wood Lodge and stated that they had been in the main lodge at Little Bohemia and had talked

with agent Hardy over the phone, and that in accordance with agent Hardy's instructions they had gone out of the main lodge at Little Bohemia, with their hands up, and were not harmed. Each stated at that time that he did not know whether there was or was not any of the Dillinger gangsters inside of the main lodge. All three told agent Hardy that Pat Reilly and a red headed woman had gone to Minneapolis about 4:30 Saturday afternoon, April 21, 1934, and were expected back from Minneapolis on the evening of April 22, 1934, at which time it was planned that all of the Dillinger gang were to leave Little Bohemia lodge and that they had already paid their bill in full. This information was also secured from Mrs. Emil Wenatka, who had been at Voss' Birch Wood Lodge from approximately 6:00 P. M. April 22, 1934.

While agent Hardy was bathing the wound in agent Newman's head at Voss' Birch Wood Lodge, agent Newman told agent Hardy that "Baby Face" Nelson had taken the Ford car in which Newman had been riding; hence Hardy then phoned the Ford garage at Rhinelander, Wisconsin, where this car had been borrowed, ascertaining that the car was a 1934 coupe, with Wisconsin 1934 license plates No. 166529, and this license number and description of the car, together with the description of "Baby Face" Nelson was phoned to the St. Paul office and the Chicago office, with instructions that these two offices phone all sheriffs and larger police departments in Wisconsin and on the road into Chicago, and along the northeastern border of Minnesota, and that the bridges over the river from Wisconsin to Minnesota be watched for this car. Agent Hardy phoned near-by towns and peace officers in the vicinity of Vilas County, where he was. It was next ascertained that Robert Johnson, who lives in the vicinity of Little Bohemia Lodge, had been forced by three men whom he said carried a machine gun, and two of them were wearing leather vests, to take them in his car to Park Falls, Wisconsin, where they had dropped him off several miles from town and gone on in his car. Agent Hardy ascertained by long distance phone from Robert Johnson that his car was a 1934 Ford coupe, model A, four cylinder, motor No. 2980001, bearing Wisconsin license plates 92652. This information was likewise broadcast by the Chicago and St. Paul offices to various sheriffs and peace officers throughout Wisconsin, etc.

Undersheriff Dell McGregor of Eagle River, Wisconsin, had arrived at Voss' Birch Wood Lodge in the meantime, and Mr. Hammi, of the St. Paul division office, had taken the wounded agent, Newman, and the wounded constable, Carl Christensen, to a hospital in Ironwood, Michigan, and it was at first reported that agent MacIntyre, of the Chicago office, had also been shot, but this was later found to be erroneous. Agent Hardy maintained contact by telephone with one Robert Heinga, telephone company's wire chief at Rhinelander, Wisconsin, throughout the night, who maintained contact with the



agents from the Chicago office as they arrived, and sent them on to Eagle River in response to telephone call which had been placed to the Chicago office by agent Hardy on instructions of special agent in charge, Hammi, to have the Chicago office send such men as were available to assist at Little Bohemia.

The Washington division office was kept informed as much as possible by long distance phone by agent Hardy of events as they transpired, agent Hardy using both phone systems to phone to different parties in the countryside near Little Bohemia for all information these parties might have; and under instructions received after daylight from Mr. Cowley of the Washington division office, agent Hardy went to Little Bohemia to locate Mr. Clegg and Mr. Purvis to have them call Washington direct, this being after Little Bohemia had been gased and the three women brought therefrom.

Agent Hardy, under instructions of Mr. Clegg, assisted in maintaining guard over the cars, baggage, guns, etc. of the Dillinger gang at Little Bohemia; also patrolled the roads near-by to watch for certain cars which were suspected of still having gangsters in them during the early morning hours of April 23, 1934, and then, under instructions of Mr. Rorer, went with special agent R. G. Gillespie, of the Chicago office, to Eagle River, Wisconsin, contacted undersheriff Dell McGregor, and took the three women who were connected with the Dillinger gang to the county jail at Madison, Wisconsin.

S. W. Hardy.

S. W. Hardy, Special Agent

St. Paul, Minnesota  
May 7, 1934

On April 22, 1934, at 3:40 p.m., Inspector Plick, Inspector Brown, Special Agent Hardy, Special Agent Melvin, and the undersigned took train from St. Paul via Northwest Airways airplane and put down at Rhinelander, Wisconsin, airport at 5:10 p.m., where we waited for the arrival of agents from the Chicago office preparatory to attempting to effect the apprehension of JOHN DILLINGER, et al, who were said to be located at a lodge known as Little Bohemia, situated about 80 miles north of Rhinelander.

While awaiting the arrival of agents from the Chicago office, arrangements were made with a local Ford dealer to supply automobiles to transport various agents on this assignment from Rhinelander to Little Bohemia, and upon arrival of two airplanes from Chicago containing agents from that office, it was tentatively arranged to leave Rhinelander so as to arrive at Little Bohemia about 4:00 a.m., on April 23, 1934, surround this lodge, and endeavor to apprehend JOHN DILLINGER and his associates. These plans apparently were changed as the agents assigned in this detail left Rhinelander about 8:00 p.m., and arrived in the vicinity of Little Bohemia about an hour later.

The lights on the cars were turned out and they were driven into a driveway about one-fourth of a mile in length, and upon approaching the lodge, a dog barked and a car which was parked in the yard immediately in front of the lodge was heard to start. The agents in the cars stopped in the driveway, ran toward the lodge, and gun fire immediately commenced, lasting for about five minutes. For a period of approximately an hour thereafter, a watch was maintained on the lodge and then a car, apparently a Ford Coupe, drove into the driveway. Special Agent Hardy and the undersigned approached this car at a point about half way from the highway to the lodge, where the occupants of the car were challenged. They paid no heed to the command to stop and attempted to turn the car around, finding they were unable to do so, backed out, and two shots were heard. About fifteen minutes later, another car, apparently a Chevrolet or Buick Coupe, drove into the driveway and the occupants were challenged by Agent Hardy and the undersigned, and instead of stopping at the command, they endeavored to turn this car around but were unable to do so. When the car was turned at right angles to the roadway, the headlights fell upon Agent Hardy and the undersigned noticed a flash of gun fire from this car as Agent Hardy fired five shots from a shot gun and at which time the undersigned fired several bursts from a Thompson submachine gun at this car. The occupants of the car drove toward Agent Hardy, who ran into the woods and fired his pistol at the occupants. The car backed out of the road under continuous machine gun fire.

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Shortly before the first car referred to above was later the driveway, Special Agents Baum and Newman were sent to the telephone exchange for the purpose of notifying the Sheriff of the shooting of the persons in this detail, to telephone the companies of Little Bohemia and advise them that the place was surrounded and to tell them to come out, and also to telephone to Rhinelander, Wisconsin, so as to advise the agents proceeding there by automobile from Chicago and St. Paul of the location of Little Bohemia.

A few minutes after the Chevrolet Coupe had been driven away under fire, as referred to above, the undersigned, while standing with Special Agent Heipecke of the Chicago office on the right side of the lodge, heard a series of what sounded like pistol shots fired in regular cadence, four in the first group and nine in the second. Agent inquired of Inspector Olegg whether he had heard any gun shots and he stated that he had not, but stated that Agents Baum and Newman had not as yet returned from the telephone exchange, and shortly after this discussion, the owner of the lodge returned and stated that someone had held up the telephone exchange and had held him up as he went into it, and that some agents had approached to investigate and had been shot at; that he had made his escape. The undersigned and Inspector Rorer endeavored to start a Ford car which was in the driveway but the battery was dead, the only remaining car was located whereupon Wenetka, Inspector Rorer and the undersigned proceeded south on the highway in a truck and arrived at a house owned by one VOSS, about a mile and a half south of Little Bohemia, at which point Wenetka stated the shooting had occurred. Several men were observed in the yard and identified themselves as S.A.C. Hanni, and Agents Dodd, Harley, and Hall.

The body of Special Agent Baum was found about ten feet from a small fence in front of the house and a wounded man, who was identified as one Christiansen, a constable, was found a short distance away. The constable was placed in Mr. Hanni's car and taken to a hospital. The body of Agent Baum was taken away in Wenetka's truck.

Special Agent Hall picked up a Thompson submachine gun, 1925 model, in the driveway in the yard of VOSS' house and found the stock thereon to have been broken, apparently from having been run over. Agent Hall handed this gun to agent, who removed the stock therefrom, examined the bolt and found it to be clean, indicating the gun had not been fired, and also examined the fifty-shell drum and found it to be full. This was done in view of the fact that agent picked up two fired .45 caliber shells in the roadway near this gun which apparently came from a .45 automatic used by the person who killed Agent Baum. These shells were later turned over to Inspector Rorer.



The undersigned returned to Little Bohemia, N.Y. where a watch was maintained throughout the night.

At daylight the following day, the Sheriff, accompanied by a posse, approached the lodge; and after tear gas and several shots were fired into the lodge, three women emerged, who were taken to the County Jail and held thereafter. The lodge was searched and found to contain no other occupants.

*John E. Brennan*  
Special Agent

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MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR H. H. CLEGG:

RE: DILLINGER CASE.

This memorandum submitted pursuant to instructions of Inspector H. H. Clegg as to what this Agent did and observed at Little Bohemia Lodge, Vilas County, Wisconsin on April 23, 1934.

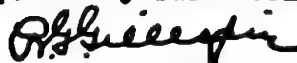
I arrived at Voss' Birchwood Lodge at about 2:30 A. M. on Monday, April 23rd, 1934 in company of Agents Rhodes, McLaughlin, Suran, Madalie, and three local residents whose names I do not know. Two of the latter were Deputy Sheriffs and the other was the Ford car dealer at Rhinelander, Wisconsin. Together with the above named, I entered Voss' Birchwood Lodge where I stayed a short time. There appeared to be about twenty people in the house and some of whom appeared very excited. They were relating to each other the events of the night, but due to the confusion I only learned that Agent Baum had been killed, Agent Newman shot, and that some C.C.C. boys had been shot together with a deputy sheriff. About 3:00 A. M. while I was in another room, Agents McLaughlin, Madalie, and Suran left the lodge. Agent Suran returned in about twenty or thirty minutes and stated that we were to proceed immediately to Little Bohemia. Agent Suran delivered this message from the door and departed immediately. In three automobiles, Agent Rhodes, about eight local citizens, and I drove about two miles to the highway entrance of Little Bohemia Lodge. As it was still dark and none in our party knew what was transpiring or the location of our men, we deemed it advisable to wait on the highway, which we did for about forty-five minutes. By this time it was becoming light enough to see about fifty yards and we all proceeded towards the lodge building. Undersheriff McGregor of Vilas County, who was in our party, conferred with Inspector Clegg after which we took up positions around the Little Bohemia Lodge house. I took a position to the north side of the lodge house.

About 5:00 A. M. several unsuccessful attempts were made to shoot gas projectiles into the lodge house. After several shots were fired from the gas gun a woman's voice from the lodge house said to quit shooting. The shooting stopped and three women emerged from the house with their hands in the air. I did not closely see or question these women at the time.

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I stayed at Little Bohemia until about 11:30 A. M. and was instructed by Inspector Rorer to take the women prisoners to Madison, Wisconsin with Agent Hardy. I left Little Bohemia to go to Eagle River, Wisconsin at about 11:45 A. M.

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R. G. GILLESPIE  
Special Agent

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*R. G. Gillespie*

R. G. GILLESPIE  
Special Agent

P. O. Box 215,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

May 9, 1934  
Hon. George F. Sullivan,  
United States Attorney,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Re: JOHN HERBERT COLLINDER, with  
aliases - FUG., I.O. 1217, et al.  
NATL. MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT.  
HARBORING FUG. FROM JUSTICE.  
St. Paul file No. 21-2434.

There is attached hereto copy of a letter dated  
May 7, 1934, received from the Chicago office of this  
Division, together with a certified copy of the marriage  
certificate of Walter Sparks and Evelyn Freshette dated  
August 2, 1932, together with the attestation of the  
Clerk of the Cook County Court and the seal of the  
affixed, and also with a certificate of the Judge of the  
Cook County Court that the said attestation of the above  
Clark is in due form.

In the event this certification needs any  
amendments, I shall be glad to have you let me know.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CLARK,  
Inspector.

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Post Office Box 222

St. Paul, Minn.

Hon. Chief Clerk,  
United States Attorney,  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Attention: Mr. E. E. Burton

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated May 4, 1934, together with photostatic list of notes, as well as a list of \$20 and \$50 bills.

Kindly be advised that these \$20 and \$50 bills have been checked against the lists of known notes now in possession of this office and same were not identified.

Your cooperation in this and past matters is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hall, Jr.,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Hello Fallat: Freed, Middletown, Conn. Enlisted.

I've got a simple practical plan to capture John Dillinger. All I need is one car, 2 motorcycles and 4 men. I'm not working and I'm not waiting for prosperity to come. If you or Mr. Hoover, the Chief of Secret Service, don't care to learn of my plan I'll find Dillinger and help him. Crime was a profitable profession in 1929, that is hi-jacking, (inquire of a big white truck that used to leave Hartford, Mon. or Tues loaded with booze or trucks which left East Hampton, Conn. to go to New Haven; inquire of a truck which was burned on the Durham road because it had wood alcohol instead of grain) and you'll admit from the letters I've wrote you I'm pretty clever. And you won't find Dillinger by shadowing me. How's chances for an introducing card to Mr. Hoover head man of Secret Service.

Sincerely,

ERNEST V. MANFRED  
98 Liberty St.,  
Middletown, Conn.

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Mr. Ernest V. Hammond,  
98 Liberty Street,  
Middletown, Connecticut.

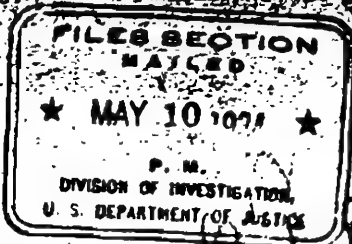
Dear Sir:

Your undated letter addressed to the President, advising that you have a plan whereby John Dillinger will be located, has been referred to this Division for consideration.

I wish to assure you that your interest in this connection is appreciated and it is suggested that you communicate directly with Mr. F. T. Fay, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403, New York City, in the event you receive information as to the whereabouts of Dillinger.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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C O P Y

Philadelphia, Pa.  
April 25, 1934

Hon. Homer S. Cummings  
Attorney General  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

After reading of Dillinger, the notorious desperado and criminal, and posting his fingerprint classification and identification order #1219 upon the board, I want to refer you to my letter of August 16, 1933, second paragraph, addressed to the Department of Justice and replied to by P.M. 95-0, now deceased.

I hope that some action will be taken in this direction to prevent future deaths of Agents by worthless criminals. The recent death of Agent W. Carter Baum, and the wounding of Agent Jay C. Newman is a sad blow to the Department and their respective families.

The enclosed newspaper clipping shows that these criminals wear steel vests.

Very truly yours,

(S) J. WESLEY WATERS

J. Wesley Waters  
U. S. Customs

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Mr. J. Wesley Waters,  
U. S. Customs Service,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Dear Sir:

By reference from the Attorney General, receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated April 25, 1934, wherein you refer to the recent death of an agent of this Division while conducting the raid for the purpose of causing the apprehension of John O'Dillinger.

The interest manifested by you is deeply appreciated and I desire to advise that your suggestion concerning equipment to be used in conducting an investigation of this nature, as noted in your letter of August 16, 1933, will be given careful consideration.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director.

P.S. No copy newspaper clipping retained in Div. file.

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Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington.

Gentlemen:-

If consistent with your policy, we shall  
be pleased to receive a number each of  
Identification Order No.

1211

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and, 1225,

re: Dillinger, et al.

Desired for distribution to our field  
Representatives.

Yours very truly,

Home Detective Co., Incorporated

By:

*J. J. Winbush*  
President.

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Mr. C. C. Winick, President,  
Home Detective Company, Inc.,  
901-906 Greensboro Bank & Trust Bldg.,  
Greensboro, North Carolina.

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Dear Sir:

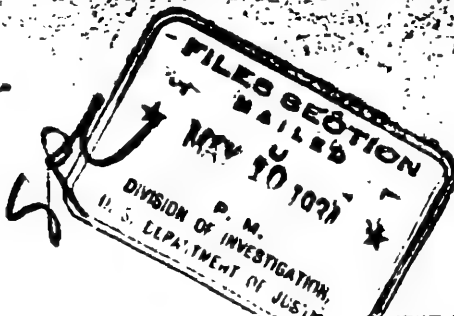
Pursuant to your request of May 2, 1934, there are enclosed herewith copies of the following Identification Orders:

- No. 1211, Clyde Champion Barrow, with aliases.
- No. 1217, John Dillinger, with alias.
- No. 1220, John Hamilton, with alias.
- No. 1223, Lester M. Gillis, with aliases.
- No. 1224, Thomas Leonard Carroll, with aliases.
- No. 1225, Albert W. Reilly, with aliases.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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1808 First National Bank Building  
Charlotte, N. C.

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Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

RE: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1219; JOHN HAMILTON,  
with aliases, I.O. #1222, et al.  
Nat'l Motor Vehicle Theft Act  
Obstruction of Justice

Enclosed please find a price tag marked "Cain-Sloan Com-  
pany, Nashville", found during the Division raid on the Little  
Bohemia Lodge at Spider Lake, Wisconsin, and forwarded to this  
office by letter from your office dated April 20, 1934, for an  
appropriate check at Asheville, North Carolina, apparently on the  
mistaken belief that the Cain-Sloan Company is located at Asheville.

It is here noted that report of Special Agent J. M.  
Fowler, dated at Birmingham, Alabama, April 20, 1934, reflects that  
an inquiry at the Crow's Nest Tourist Camp near Nashville, Tennessee,  
has disclosed that John Hamilton, another man, and a red-haired  
woman engaged a cabin there on April 9, 1934, and that several price  
tags of the Cain-Sloan Company, Nashville, were found in the cabin  
after their departure. The report also shows that subsequent  
inquiries at the Cain-Sloan Company, Nashville, has reflected that  
a red-haired woman, accompanied by a man answering Hamilton's  
description, had made the purchases at that place.

Investigation at Asheville, North Carolina, has disclosed  
that there is no such concern as the Cain-Sloan Company there.

Very truly yours,

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TITLE: <b>JOHN HERBERT BILLINGER with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1217; JOHN HAMILTON with alias - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1220; NICK VAN NORTON with aliases, I.O. #1222; ALBERT W. KELLY with aliases, I.O. #1223; LESTER M. GILLIN with aliases, I.O. #1223; THOMAS LEONARD CARROLL with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1224, ET AL.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE</b>

Information received through Cincinnati police to the effect that suspicious person, possibly Billinger, might be located on Main St., Frankfurt, Ind. Subject Hamilton, accompanied by unknown men and women, identified as being in Oxford, Ohio 5/8/34, local police that party failing to cause apprehension. Hamilton at the time was driving a Chevrolet Coupe bearing Indiana license #364-040. [redacted] of Hamilton, Ohio advises Hamilton, Ohio police knew members of Billinger mob were near Hamilton about a week ago. Peace officers in Cincinnati territory advised to be on the lookout for car driven by Hamilton, also to be on the lookout for black Ford V-8 Sedan bearing Tennessee license #176-008. No further activities to report at Dayton, Ohio.

## DETAILS

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent H. B. Klein, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated 5/9/34, and telegram from Birmingham Office, dated 5/9/34.

DETAILS:AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

With reference to the telegram from the Birmingham Office, advising that the black Ford Sedan bearing Tennessee license plates #176-008

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was sighted at Murfreesboro, Tenn. at 7:00 A.M. on May 9, 1934, with three occupants, various peace officers in the Cincinnati District were advised to be on the lookout for this car and to effect the apprehension of the occupants thereof and notify the Cincinnati Division Office.

On May 9, 1934, a news item appeared in the Dayton, Ohio Journal, advising that two "tough" looking men, one of them believed to be John Hamilton, Millinger Henchman, and a supposed woman wearing a blonde wig escaped from the village police at Oxford the previous night, after having been tricked by a restaurant waiter; that the police were informed by a Miami University student, and after some delay they arrived and searched an automobile having previously been parked by the trio; that in the car they found a sub-machine gun, however, after examining the gun it was replaced in the car; that when the suspects came from the restaurant and entered the car, they politely ignored the officers and drove away; that the officers after some discussion gave chase in the automobile but failed to catch up with the suspects.

In this connection, Special Agent H. E. Roberts proceeded to Oxford, Ohio, accompanied by Special Agent G. E. Treadwell, and submitted the following memorandum in this matter:

Tom Murphy, 108 South Beech St., Oxford, Ohio, a student of Miami University, and editor of the student paper, stated that about 10:35 P.M., May 8, 1934, he was sitting in the Dean's Cafe, in Oxford, when two strange men and a woman came in; that he was sitting with other students in a booth talking, and the man sat in the next booth to them; that the booths are only about four feet, four inches high and one can readily see the parties in the next booth; that the girl was about 34 years of age; looked like a brunette from features, but had blonde hair or a wig; that she wore a complete white dress of crepe material and a white hat, and had a pink fair complexion, medium build, and about five feet, four inches, or five inches, and rather attractive.

Murphy stated that he noted that the trio became rather nervous and the blonde began to flirt with the boys with him; that one man whom he identified as John Hamilton sat with his back to them; that he had the current issue of the Cincinnati Times Star and was reading something about Russell on the front page; that he did not recognize the other man, but he was about 34 years, five feet, nine inches; 170 pounds; stocky build; sandy or ashen-gray hair; dark eyes, and wore a tan gaberdine suit and no hat, and had a prominent hooked nose. His mouth was hard and drawn and he had about two or three days' growth of beard. The trio were tired and haggard looking.

After passing notes between his friends, he decided that

Hamilton was one of the trio and left by the kitchen and talked with Don Hackert, who was cooking steaks. Hackert decided to hold up serving until Murphy had contacted the officers and after a few minutes Murphy stated that he had rounded up all of the officers and came back to the cafe and gave Hackert word that everything was set. Hackert then took the steaks out to Hamilton and his friends. About five minutes before the trio came out, he went out in front of the cafe and across the street to a 1932 model Chrysler Roadster, eight cylinder car, and saw the night Merchant Police, R. S. Duvall, who stated that he had searched the car and found a machine gun in same but had put it back. Murphy then suggested that he let the air out of the tires and take the distributor cap off and put the car out of commission, but Duvall, the only officer around at the time, did not want him to touch the car. It has six wire wheels and fender valds and was believed to be dark maroon in color and had been evidently driven on back roads since there was a lot of dust and dry white dirt on the car. About 11:20 P.M., Hamilton and his friends came out of the cafe and walked directly to the car and ducked down in the seat as he backed out and started off rapidly. He was shot at the car and Hamilton, who drove, failed to halt when told to stop by Merchant Patrolman Duvall. Murphy advised that the seat was deep and when the three slumped in the seat not much of their heads could be seen, and there was no top on the car, however it is possible that the top was in a compartment.

Don Hackert, 510 West High St., Oxford, Ohio, stated that about 10:35 P.M., May 8, 1934, he was on duty in Deem's, Ltd. Cafe; that Hamilton and two friends came to the cafe and ordered steaks; that he held up their orders in order to give the officers an opportunity to assemble; that when he took the orders from the trio, Hamilton held the Cincinnati Times Star in front of his face to his eyes and spoke in a low strained voice out of the corner of his mouth as though disguising his voice, but he readily knew he was Hamilton; that when they left, Hamilton paid the bill and had a large roll of billing that he held his hands down with the backs to him and the fingers doubled and he did not notice any fingers at all, therefore, did not see any amputations of fingers. He verified the story told by Murphy, but believes that the girl companion was a natural blonde and had not dyed her hair; that she had a large mouth with a pleasing smile and good even teeth.

R. S. Duvall, Merchant Police Officer, Oxford, Ohio, was interviewed and stated that he had been informed about twelve minutes before the trio came out of Deem's, Ltd. Cafe that John Hamilton was in the cafe; that he did not have any experience in police work before his present job which he got about three months before; that he did search the Chrysler Roadster parked across the street from the cafe and found a machine gun in the car, which he described as a Navy model Thompson Sub-machine gun, with



a 50 cartridge drum on same; that he had never seen a machine gun before, but recognized same from pictures he had seen; that he found the gun on the brake and clutch pedals under the steering column; that he replaced the gun and waited for the other officers to arrive; that he saw Town Marshal L. O. Grimes driving up in his car and started over to his car as Hamilton and friends came out of the cafe and hurried over to the Chrysler, and he then ran over to the car and covered the three in the seat of the car and ordered them to stop; that Hamilton was driving and as he put the gun on them they all ducked and immediately backed out, not stopping; that he had the gun about a yard from Hamilton's head when he told them to stop and thought of shooting when they refused, but was afraid of hurting the woman with them. He stated that Officers Grimes and Schwegman had just arrived as the car was backing out; that the other two officers were immediately back of the car on foot and had their guns out but none of them shot at the car.

Lee Schwegman, Deputy Marshal, Oxford, Ohio, stated that he just arrived a moment before the gunmen trio left the cafe and walked past the door but did not get an opportunity to get a good look at them and did not have a chance to talk with Merchant Patrolman Duvall, prior to the time the three walked across the street to their car; that he immediately walked behind the car but did not know that a machine gun had been seen in the car and was afraid to open up on them without knowing who he was shooting. He did not attempt to shoot the tires when they refused to stop when ordered to do so by Duvall, who was at the side of the car and had a gun at Hamilton's head at the time he ordered them to halt.

Town Marshal L. O. Grimes, Oxford, Ohio, stated that he was in bed when notified that gunmen were in town; that he hurried down town, but had not been advised who were in the car and did not wish to start shooting as they pulled out, without knowing who he was shooting at. He stated that he had heard Duvall order the trio to stop, but did not know that a machine gun had been seen in the car and did not start shooting their tires when they failed to obey the command to stop. He stated that he was immediately back of the car and intended getting his hands on the driver and pulling him out of the seat, but the car started with a bang and they were gone; that they followed them and found they went to a point one mile beyond College Corner on Highway 457 and turned off to the right, going in the direction of Boston, Ohio. The license number was 1934 Indiana plates #364-040.

Special Agent G. H. Treadwell, accompanied Agent on this investigation and the photographs of the Karpis and Billinger gangs were shown to all officers and others who saw Hamilton and his companions, and he was the only party who was positively identified.



The Indiana license plates #344-940 which were observed on the Chrysler Coupe driven by Hamilton and his companions were furnished various police departments throughout Indiana and Ohio, with the request to be on the lookout for this car and to cause the apprehension of the occupants.

A news clipping as obtained from the Dayton, Ohio Journal is being attached to this report for the Division.

It was also noted that in the Dayton, Ohio Journal a news item appeared stating that two armed men and a woman robbed a salesman employed by the Borden Products of St. Marys, Ohio on May 6, 1934, relieving this salesman of \$83.00 in cash. It appears that possibly it was the same trio who were observed at Oxford, Ohio the same evening. This news clipping is likewise being attached to this report for the Division.

The following memorandum was submitted by Special Agent E. B. Klein, Cincinnati, Ohio:-

The following memorandum is submitted by Special Agent  
W. B. Klein, Cincinnati, Ohio, covering the period of May 8, 1934.

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

Chief of Detectives Ernest Kirgan, called the Cincinnati office and requested interview with Special Agent W. B. Klein. Upon interview, Chief Kirgan advised he had received information to the effect that DILLINGER might be in Frankfort, Indiana. Chief Kirgan furnished Agent with the name of John Petzholt, an official of Steve Gerrard Produce Merchants, 240 W. Sixth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio. Chief Kirgan stated that the information was furnished him by Mr. Petzholt.

Agent contacted John Petzholt, 240 W. Sixth Street, and related the following:

On Sunday, May 8, 1934 he was visiting some friends in Frankfort, Indiana and there met a certain young woman who advised that she resides on Main St., Frankfort, Indiana, across from #258; that 258 Main St. is occupied by an elderly couple who bear very good reputations. About two weeks ago a rather short man, with a slight limp, a woman and a child drove up to the residence in a large black sedan and secured a room or rooms from the owner of the premises located on the second floor; that about two days after the arrival of these people the sedan disappeared; further that the man was never observed to leave the premises during the day, but about dark he was seen on the porch of the home, sitting in a swing, which is shaded by shrubbery; that during the day time the man sits near a window, facing the street on the second floor, which is partly opened and the shade pulled down as far as the opening; that he is often seen sitting there with a newspaper across his lap, apparently holding some article under the paper; further, that the morning after the arrival of these strangers at 258 Main St., the child was seen to play about the lawn of the premises and had numerous brand new toys. The child did not appear to be accustomed to playing with such toys and seemed very strange in the mechanical use of them. There were also many boxes unloaded from the car at the time it arrived, bringing the strangers to the address previously mentioned; further, that the only person seen to visit these strangers, has been recognized as an ex-convict formerly of Michigan City, Indiana.

According to Mr. Petzholt, it is his information that none of the residents of Frankfort, Indiana would divulge any information regarding Dillinger in the event he is hiding out in that town, inasmuch as they are undoubtedly afraid of the Dillinger gang. Mr. Petzholt stated that he may be mistaken about the address, but this can be established in the event an Agent of the Division of Investigation will call on J. H. McGowan

Clinton Street, Frankfort, Indiana. Mr. Petchold was unable to furnish the street address of Mr. McGowan, but stated that he is the only McGowan listed in the telephone directory at Frankfort. He also stated that Mr. McGowan can be located at the Connelley Theatre, Frankfort, Mr. Connelley being the father-in-law of McGowan. Mr. Petchold stated that he desires that all names mentioned should be kept in the strictest confidence.

This information was telephoned to Special Agent in Charge, E. J. Connelley, at Indianapolis, Indiana, immediately, for such action as he deemed appropriate in the premises.



The above information was furnished to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley at Indianapolis, Ind., who advised that appropriate action would be taken in the matter.

AT DAYTON, OHIO

Special Agents Treadwell and Roberts advised that surveillance of the neighborhood surrounding the Stricker Hotel at 214 Clay Street has been maintained, however no strangers or suspicious characters have been observed about these places.

On May 10, 1934

of Hamilton, Ohio, who is cooperating with this office in the [redacted] case, telephoned the Cincinnati Office and advised that he had met Detective Binwitty of the Hamilton, Ohio Police Department, who discussed the matter of Subject Hamilton having been observed at Oxford, Ohio on May 8, 1934. Binwitty advised [redacted] confidentially that he knew some of the Billinger mob were near Hamilton a week ago but that he failed to make the same known to [redacted] inasmuch as he feared that someone might be killed in endeavoring to effect their apprehension.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE CINCINNATI OFFICE: At Frankfort, Indiana, will follow up the information pertaining to the suspect located in that community and thought to be connected with the Billinger mob.

Will also maintain contacts in Hamilton, Ohio.

PENDING.



Re: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1217 et al.  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act  
Obstruction of Justice.

DAYTON, OHIO JOURNAL

5/9/34

## TWO ARMED MEN AND WOMAN ROB ST. MARYS DRIVER

*Dayton Journal 5/9/34*

Salesman, at Point of Guns,  
Gives Up \$83 in Cash,  
More in Checks.

ST. MARYS, O., May 8.—Two armed men and a woman companion held up a Borden Products company salesman near St. Marys late this afternoon.

J. E. Burkholder, company representative, reported to St. Marys police that the bandit trio obtained \$83 in cash and an unknown amount in checks.

Burkholder told officers he was driving in Route 66, coming to St. Marys from Delphos, when a machine passed him and forced him

to stop at a point about three and a half miles north of the city.

The two men approached his car and held him up while the woman stayed in the automobile. The woman is said to have been driving the machine.

One of the men took Burkholder's car keys, telling him they would drive on a little way and drop the keys, which they did, police were informed. The bandit car is reported to have driven north from the scene of the robbery toward Defiance and Toledo.

One of the bandits is said to have been about 40 years old, medium height, weighing about 200 pounds and wearing a light suit and cap. The other, police were told, was about 25 years old, weighed about 140 pounds and wore a light suit. The woman, dressed in a light dress, was reported to be about 20 years old.

Burkholder is a resident of St. Marys.

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# VILLAGE OFFICERS FAIL TO HOLD TRIO WITH MACHINE GUN

Restaurant Operator at Oxford  
Says One Resembled Dillinger Henchman.

## TRICKED THREE TO WAIT

Police Notice Gun and Question  
Suspects Who Ignore Them  
and Drive Away.

OXFORD, O., May 8.—Two tough-looking men, one of them believed to be John Hamilton, Dillinger henchman, and a supposed woman wearing a blonde wig escaped from the village police here tonight after they had been tricked by a restaurant waiter.

Don Heckert, waiter in Beems restaurant, noticed when the three entered his place at about 11 o'clock that one of the men resembled pictures of Hamilton.

### Student Calls Police.

He sent a Miami university student after the town's three policemen and delayed preparations of the food which the trio had ordered.

The officers, arriving after some delay, searched the high-powered automobile in which the three had arrived and found a sub-machine gun.

Instead of taking the weapon, they replaced it in the machine and waited for the three to come outside, whereupon they inquired of their identities and their business.

### Ignore Officers.

The three suspects ignored the officers, however, and promptly drove away, speeding westward toward College Corner and Liberty, Ind.—the machine gun still in their possession.

The Oxford policeman, after some discussion, gave chase in an automobile. They did not catch up with the suspects.

DAYTON, OHIO JOURNAL

5/9/34

Re: John Herbert Dillinger, with  
aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1217,  
ET AL;  
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS			

Charles Malcey lived at 3515 Kasper Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1-20-34 to 4-20-34; Mrs. Ethel Malcey, 966 Windsor St., Cincinnati. Malcey employed by Western Electric Co., Installation Division, 12 years; discharged June, 1933. Check of former residences reveal good reputation. No Police Record under given name. Mary Davies and Eleanor Johnson, sisters of Arthur Cherrington, who married Pat, claim no knowledge as to her whereabouts and have never seen her and say only information of Arthur's marriage to Pat obtained from Ida Cherrington, who resides in Chicago. Hamilton, Ohio, 1:00 P.M., 5-4-34 observed three men in a green sedan, bearing Ohio License

A 55,893 in which was plainly seen a machine gun on the front seat. License issued to John Hart, Hamilton, Ohio, who operates a pool room and resides within the City Limits. Occupants of car not identified. Ralph Hart, brother of John, resides on farm about three miles from Seven Mile, Ohio and is alleged to have harbored Dillinger in the Fall of 1933. Farm of Ralph Hart raided by Division Agents and local authorities at day-break, 5-6-34, but no suspicious persons found. Informant contacted Mr. and Mrs. Pierpont, Leipsic, Ohio 5-6-34 but nothing of value obtained. Informant insists some of Dillinger gang in vicinity of Hamilton; will endeavor ascertain identity of persons seen in Hart's car. Pat Young reported still in hospital, location undetermined. Churchill Downs Race Track, Louisville, Ky. covered by Division Agents and Police, 5-5-34. Fugitive not recognized.

REFERENCE: Letter to Division from San Antonio office, 4-30-34, report of Agent V. W. Peterson, Chicago, 4-25-34 and report of Agent Bliss Norton, Cincinnati, Ohio, 5-2-34.

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DETAILS: AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

The following memorandum is submitted by Special Agent V. J. Wolfe, Cincinnati, Ohio, May 8, 1934, covering investigation based on letter from the San Antonio Office to the Division under date of April 30, 1934:

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

Agent contacted Mrs. Bernard Brockman, custodian of the Pinewood Apartments, 2315 Kemper Lane, May 2, 1934, and was informed by Mrs. Brockman that Charles Halsey had lived at the Pinewood Apartments for a period of about three months, moving in on January 20 and leaving April 20, 1934. Agent showed Mrs. Brockman a picture of Charles Halsey and she identified him as being the man who had lived there. Mrs. Brockman advised that Halsey had stated that he was an electrical man connected with installation of switch-boards, but she further stated that she didn't think that he worked while living at these apartments. Mrs. Brockman stated that she thought that Mrs. Halsey worked nights in a restaurant somewhere. Agent asked Mrs. Brockman if Halsey owned a car and she said that they did not own a car but were thinking of buying one. Agent asked if she knew where these people lived before living at the Pinewood Apartments and was advised that she was almost positive that Mrs. Halsey had mentioned something about living in Tuxedo. Mrs. Brockman stated that Mrs. Halsey gave as her reason for leaving the Pinewood Apartments that she had to get a place that was cheaper to live. According to Mrs. Brockman the Halseys were always prompt in their rent and she knew of nothing "bad" connected with them.

Agent then contacted Mr. Charles F. Elaine, Superintendent, Branch Post Office, Curtis Street, who checked the record books in the post office and advised Agent that Mrs. Ethel Halsey now lives at 135 Windsor Street.

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[REDACTED]

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A check of 3131 Hilbert Ave., and 1128 Woodburn Ave. revealed that Halsey and his wife were considered a reputable family, Halsey having worked for the Bell Telephone Company and Western Electric Company.

Agent then contacted Miss Charlotte Felthaus in the Editor's office of the Bell Telephone Company, who was unable to furnish any information relative to Charles Halsey, she stating that according to her records he had never been employed by the Bell Telephone Company. Miss Felthaus referred Agent to the Western Electric Company Installation Department.

Under date of May 8, 1934, Agent contacted Mr. Ross Williams, Superintendent of the Installation Department, Western Electric Company, 209 W. Seventh Street, who advised that subject had worked for him about 11 or 12 years and during that time held a position as sub-foreman. Mr. Williams advised that Halsey had been transferred in 1931 to Kansas City, Mo. He stated that as far as he knew Halsey was a reputable person, but that at times he had to "handle" him; that he was slightly unruly and that Halsey had been laid off in June, 1933, because work in the Installation Department had slackened considerably.

Agent then contacted Mr. A. E. Stanfield and Mr. G. E. Mackley of the Union Gas and Electric Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, who advised that Charles H. Halsey had applied for electrical service on January 7, 1934, and that this service was discontinued April 20, 1934, and Halsey's former address was given as San Antonio, Texas.

A check of the records at the Cincinnati Police Department, revealed no criminal record under the name of Charles H. Halsey.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Chapman Fletcher at Columbus, Ohio:

Agent inspected the Columbus City Directory and ascertained that Mary Barlow, 1074 Lockbourne Road is the wife of Emerson L. Barlow, same address, General Contractor. There is no Lockbourne Road in Columbus.

Inquiry of Captain John E. Davis, Chief of the Bureau of Identification of the Columbus Police Department, disclosed that neither of the above parties had criminal records.

Agent interviewed Mrs. Mary Barlow at the above address and she advised that the members of her family are as follows:

Arthur Cherrington, brother, age 28, address unknown; Zella Cherrington, sister, age 34, residing 72 East Third Ave., Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. Harold Johnson, sister, age 53, residing 28 Witmore Road, Columbus, Ohio; Theodore Cherrington, sister, age 20, residing 28 Witmore Road, Columbus; Ira Cherrington, 1832 Belmont Ave., Chicago, Ill.; William H. Cherrington, brother, age 44, Charleston, West Virginia; Samuel G. Cherrington, brother, age 45, Detroit, Michigan; John Robert Cherrington, brother, age 23, 72 East Third Street, Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. Barlow says the family originally came from Jackson, Ohio, her mother was Zella Whitaker, Jackson, Ohio, who has been dead a number of years. Her father, W. I. Cherrington was buried July 4, 1933 and all members of the family were present at this time, except Arthur Cherrington and none of the family knew how to locate him. She says Arthur has caused the family a great deal of trouble, first being sent to the Boys Industrial School in Ohio, then to the State Reformatory at Mansfield, Ohio and later to Joliet, Ill. She said she would not be surprised if he were in prison at the present time. When asked by Agent if Arthur was married, she said she did not know and had never seen his wife, but her brother, Ira J. Cherrington, when he came to his father's funeral told her, Arthur had married a dancer and that he and his wife, Vera, had met Arthur's wife, she having been to their house. Mrs. Barlow says she is positive none of the other members of the family have met Arthur's wife or know where Arthur is, at the present time.

Agent interviewed Mrs. Harold (Eleanor) Johnson, 28 Witmore Road, Columbus, Ohio who advised that she is the wife of Harold Johnson, same address and that Johnson is interested in the slot machine business and also operates a Hat Cleaning establishment at 209 East State Street, Columbus. Mrs. Johnson gave agent substantially the same information as given by Mrs. Barlow, except she said she had not heard from her brother, Arthur, for a number of years and did not expect to, as she had long ago let him know she was through with him. She said her brother Ira, at her father's funeral, said something about Arthur being married, but she didn't stop to listen, as she was not interested.

John E. Davis, Chief of the Bureau of Identification of the Columbus Police Department, made search of his records under each name appearing in this report and advised no record of any of the parties.

Detectives H. A. Gault and S. Harries of the Columbus Police Department advised Agent that Harold Johnson was well known to them and was not the type who would harbor a criminal or do anything else not within the law, except the slot machine racket and he has been cooperative with the police in this respect.

Special Agent F. E. Hurley, Louisville, Ky., submitted the following memorandum:

AT LOUISVILLE, KY.

Inspector Elegg advised that members of the Dillinger-Barker-Karpis gang might be in attendance at the Churchill Downs Race Track during the running of the Kentucky Derby, May 5, 1934.

Agents D. M. Jordan, A. C. Russell and F. E. Hurley visited the Chief of Police, and Chief of Detectives, Police Department, Louisville, with view to the possible location of members of the Dillinger gang. Agent Hurley was aware of the precautionary measures taken by the police during Derby Week to protect the city. It was ascertained that usual protection measures were taken but in greater detail because of the fear that members of the Dillinger gang and other major criminals might "take one of the banks" in the city during the Derby. Ascertained that all hotels and garages were being policed, three-fold to that of former years. Also, the full membership of the Auto Theft Squad was pressed into service with instructions to arrest any and all suspicious persons. Apparently, the police were greatly concerned about robberies in the city during the period when the police as a whole were giving attention to the Derby Day crowds going to and from Churchill Downs. Agents were told of these extreme preparations. Agents contacted all detectives of the police department and made the rounds of the hotels and garages. Contacts were maintained throughout Friday and Saturday. Each detective of the force had been supplied with photos of the Dillinger-Barker-Karpis gang. Photos were supplied through instructions of Captain of Detectives W. A. Galtman.

All reservations at the hotels were filled a week before Derby Day. Dillinger and his fellow crooks would have had to reserve



rooms by April 28, 1934. The crowds exceeded expectations. Apartment Houses of the better class were filled a week before Derby Day. Cover of same failed to uncover evidences of the Dillinger gang. Many major arrests were made by the police. Fingerprints failed to identify any of them as fugitives wanted by the Federal Government.

Agents Jordan and Hurley received information concerning one J. F. Vogt, 908 South 5th Street, to the effect that he had his hair dyed from a henna to black at the Eugene Beauty Parlors, 2nd Floor, Starks Building, Louisville, May 1, 1934. Inquiry failed to identify any member of the Dillinger gang although a Mrs. Gifford, Eugene Beauty Parlors partly identified Hamilton's photo. Jordan and Hurley proceeded to 908 So. 5th Street. Ascertained from a young man named Ervin, a resident of the cheap rooming house that Vogt was apparently the man's name; that he had lived on 1st Street, prior to coming to the above address. Mrs. B. Nichols, Manager of the rooming house, employed at the United Laundry, 6th and Breckinridge Streets, Louisville, related an amusing story as to the reason why Vogt dyed his hair. Same was originally grey. He wanted it dyed black. Tried out a drug store prescription and made it red. Did not complete the required treatment. Did it himself. Made such a mess of it that he had to go to a regular establishment. Ascertained that Vogt was quite well known in town as a long time resident. No lead of value obtained.

Wm. Kriel, Manager, Lincoln Garage, 3rd Street, Louisville, gave Agents a lead to follow at the Watterson Hotel, advising that four men carrying suspicious cases were seen by him about 2:30 A.M., May 5, 1934. With Detective Charlie Brown, Police, made necessary inquiries and ascertained that the men were well known Alabama men, who had reserved rooms for Derby Day and had got in much later than expected. No lead of any consequence. Watterson Hotel reported no evidence of Dillinger outfit. Agent received tip of a brook at the Brown Hotel. Bill Gates, Publicity Manager, Brown, interviewed. He ascertained that the suspect was race-track follower and a gambler of noted degree. Was not a crook in the sense that he did anything other than gamble. Agent noted that he is too old and bears no resemblance to Dillinger gang members.

Bill Gates is a personal friend of Agents. He reported no evidences of Dillinger. Photos displayed to Clerk at the Brown and other hotels. No leads of value.

Constant contacts were maintained with members of the Police Auto Squad. They reported many arrests and recovery of



cars. Same are being investigated by Lieutenant Parsons. Some question as to whether any of them bear Interstate angles. This phase of case being followed. No results as yet. Thefts being reported to Police Headquarters constantly.

Agents Jordan and Hurley covered Churchill Downs Race Track the afternoon of Friday, May 4 and the afternoon of May 5. Cooperation of Captain Metcalfe, Station 8, Police Department secured. He is a splendid cooperator. Contacted Captain Kimmsey, Police Department of the Churchill Downs Race Track establishment. He referred Agent to Captain Metcalfe. Agents contacted all detectives personally known to the undersigned Agent. Agent Russell cooperated and assisted at the Race Track, May 5, 1934. The crowd at the track was constantly surveyed. Agents had access to all parts of the track, the Club House and the Grandstand. Were free to roam all over the grounds without interference. Many crooked looking people met. Reference as to them made to City Detectives. Many of them known as track gamblers. Many identified as gamblers, but nothing else. Agents noted that they minded their own business and annoyed no one. Crowd tremendous but orderly. Constant milling between the track and the paddock was awful. Good policing by Agents was out of the question. With the assistance of City Detectives, everything possible was done.

Photos shown discreetly to those in authority at the track. No results showing that members of the criminal gang wanted by the Division were on the grounds. Auto parking was tremendous. Number of autos exceeded expectations. Private homes with parking places were used. Autos noted from most of the states in the Union. Parked for miles around the track. Complete surveys under the traffic congestion was impossible. However, the licenses mentioned in Official Memorandums were watched for.

On May 6, 1934, Agent received a call from Police Headquarters, Louisville, relative to a report by Mrs. Elizabeth Stevens, 3740 Riverpark Drive. She thought one of her roomers might be Dillinger. Agents Jordan and Hurley interviewed her. She could not identify photos of the gangs. Her identification of Dillinger was hesitant. She claimed that the man in question, one George King, about 30 years of age, 200 lbs., very strongly built, stocky, about 5' 8", light brown hair, looked like Dillinger and that he had an injured foot. Claimed that his Ford Sedan, Louisiana plates, was full of suspicious looking bags. She didn't get the license plate number. Didn't know where he was going when he left today at 3:00 P.M. Was afraid to report the case to the police until after the man and wife left. His woman was about 25-30 years, Spanish type, tall and beautiful, slight but well built, has a two year old child, same looked like King.

The latter claimed to be a reporter with the Times, New Orleans, La., wore finely spun and woven clothes, but was not the type who could wear them well. The woman was finely dressed, wore her clothes well, claimed to have had experience at Hollywood, as an actress. Nothing further of value could be learned. The woman, Mrs. Stevens, seemed to be trying to make a sensational story out of the meagre information as furnished. Agents found a short routing slip as furnished the couple at the Auto Club at San Antonio, Texas, to Fort Worth, Texas.

No further information of value to report. All angles at the race track seem to have been as completely covered as possible, under the circumstances. Track to be covered all this week by Hurley and Russell.

[REDACTED] Hamilton, Ohio, advised on May 3, 1934 that at about 11:20 P.M., May 4, one of his watchmen, [REDACTED] plant was riding in a bus in Hamilton, and at a traffic signal located at Main and 7th Streets, the watchman happened to glance at a car stopped alongside of the bus, noting that it was a green sedan and that the same was bearing Ohio license plates A 95,893. He observed three men in the car and when the men noticed the watchman observing them closely, the one on the right side, next to the bus, pulled his hat partly down over the side of his face, as though to hide his features. This man was in the rear seat. The other two men were sitting in the front seat and one of them was holding a machine gun. Later, [REDACTED] advised he determined that the license plates A 95,893 were issued to John Hart of Hamilton, Ohio for a 1928 Geo Sedan. John Hart is a brother of Ralph Hart, who owns a farm in the vicinity of Seven Mile, Ohio. John Hart, according to [REDACTED] operates a pool room at Third and Maple Sts., Hamilton, Ohio and just prior to Christmas, 1933, an individual who resembled Pretty Boy Floyd was seen in that vicinity. John Hart resides at 2404 W. Pleasant Pike, Hamilton and on May 5, 1934 [REDACTED] states on driving past the residence of John Hart he observed a green colored sedan in the yard in the rear of the dwelling, which resembled a Geo Sedan. He was unable, however, to observe the digits in the license plates. The watchman, after observing the Geo Sedan, reported the matter to the Hamilton Police Department, however, it appears that no further action was taken by them. It may be noted that in the report

Agent Eliss Morton, May 2, 1934 on page 25, that a woman, whose identity has not been established had previously advised Deputy Sheriff Arthur Linkins of Butler County, Ohio that she had seen John Hamilton in Hamilton, Ohio on or about April 30, 1934.

b7D In connection with the Red Sedan identified as the property of John Hart and observed on the streets of Hamilton, Ohio, Sheriff Schumacher of Butler County, Ohio, requested a meeting with Agent Klein of the Cincinnati, Ohio. When interviewed, the Sheriff advised, in addition to the information furnished by [redacted] that John Hart has a good reputation in Hamilton and was operating a pool room at 3rd and Maple Streets. He states that John Hart lives near St. Anne's Church in Hamilton and his wife would not tolerate the harboring of any gangsters.

Sheriff Schumacher advised that the only and most likely place for the Dillinger or other gangsters to stay in the vicinity of Hamilton, would be on Ralph Hart's farm, which is located about three miles Northwest of Seven Mile, Ohio. Seven Mile, Ohio is located on U. S. Highway 127, seven miles north of Hamilton, Ohio. Sheriff Schumacher stated that he was unable to establish any contacts near the Ralph Hart farm as the same is located in a valley and can not be observed from any other farmer's home in that vicinity; further, the immediate neighbors of the Harts are very talkative people and it would be folly to confide in them. During the early afternoon of May 5, 1934, Agent Klein and Sheriff Schumacher drove past the Ralph Hart farm and also the residence of John Hart in Hamilton, however, there appeared to be no activities at either of these places. Sheriff Schumacher suggested that the Hart farm should be raided immediately, however, Agent advised that it would be best to conduct such a raid during the early hours of the morning.

During the late afternoon or evening of May 5, 1934 while Agents W. B. Klein and Eliss Morton were driving past the Ralph Hart farm, it was observed that the house was in darkness, but that a new Ford V-8 Sedan was parked in the yard.

It may be noted here that the Hart farm may be reached by proceeding over the West Elkton Road from Seven Mile, going North about three miles, crossing State Highway 45, the Hart farm being located at the foot of two hills. The dwelling house is situated about 150' from the road, is a wooden frame house, painted white with green trimmings. A row of large maple trees runs parallel with the road, immediately in front of a wire fence. A large steel and wire gate closes the entrance to the yard. On the right side facing the dwelling from the roadway is a large barn and a cement silo.



Sheriff Schumacher, of Butler County, was determined to raid the Hart farm and it was agreed that it would be best to conduct the raid at about day-break on Sunday morning, May 6, 1934.

Accordingly, Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, at Indianapolis, was contacted by telephone and advised of the plan. Mr. Connelley stated he would bring a number of Agents over from Indianapolis and would meet the officers at the police station at Middletown, Ohio. Sheriff Schumacher had previously decided that it would be best to have the Middletown, Ohio Police accompany his men on the raid, rather than members of the Hamilton, Ohio Police Department. At about 4:00 A.M., May 6, 1934, Special Agent E. J. Connelley, with Agents Paulson, Barber and Wood met Agents Klein and Morton at Middletown, Ohio and were later joined by Sheriff Schumacher and Chief of Police Scofield of Middletown, with a number of uniform and plainclothes policemen. Upon arriving in the vicinity of the Ralph Hart farm, the placing of the men was arranged by Special Agent in Charge Connelley, cooperating with Sheriff Schumacher and Chief of Police Scofield. The officers and Division Agents took up their stations and when it was sufficiently light so that a person could be readily observed or recognized, Special Agent Connelley and Agent Klein, Sheriff Schumacher and Chief Scofield advanced on the Hart dwelling. Upon arriving in the yard at the Hart farm, a new Ford car was seen parked therein.

Special Agent in Charge Connelley and Agent Klein went to a side door of the Hart house, which appeared to be the one most commonly used, knocking on same and calling for Ralph Hart. After a few minutes, Hart came to the door and upon being satisfied as to the identity of the Agents, he stated no one was there, other than his immediate family and invited a search of the house. The premises was thoroughly covered, together with the barns and other out-houses.

Ralph Hart produced the necessary papers showing that the new Ford Sedan parked in his yard, had been purchased by him the previous day. He also stated that he has been regularly employed by the Ford Motor Company at Hamilton, Ohio and has not seen or heard from the Dillinger gang.

On May 5, 1934, informant [redacted] of Hamilton, Ohio was contacted and Agent Klein advanced the necessary funds with which he and his wife could proceed to Leipsic, Ohio and contact Mrs. Pierpont, for the purpose of ascertaining information relative to the whereabouts of Dillinger.

May 8, 1934, [redacted] was again contacted at Hamilton, Ohio and stated that he and his wife did proceed to Leipsic, Ohio on Sunday, May 6, 1934, but were unable to locate Fred Pierpont and it was not until about 6:00 P.M. Sunday; that while parked in the vicinity



of the Pierpont home he observed Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pierpont returning home in their car. He stated that he and his wife visited with the Pierponts for about three hours and then returned to Hamilton. [REDACTED] states that when they first entered the Pierpont home, Mr. Pierpont stated "I suppose you are after the \$5,000. reward, tpe."

[REDACTED] stated they conversed at length with the Pierponts and each time Mrs. Lena Pierpont commenced to talk about Dillinger, her husband would get up and walk to a table nearby for a cigarette and at the same time, either touch his wife's foot as he passed or put his hand on her shoulder, apparently reminding her to be careful as to what she might say. According to [REDACTED] no mention was made of the fact that Hubert Dillinger had visited the Pierponts the previous week and only once did Mrs. Pierpont mention that she had met Dillinger in Indiana, this being about a month ago. She insisted that she did not know the present whereabouts of Dillinger and at one time during the conversation expressed little hope for the "Boys" in the Columbus, Ohio Penitentiary, as Dillinger apparently had made no effort to aid these boys. [REDACTED] stated that his wife had mentioned the fact that they could possibly obtain a cottage in a secluded spot in Butler County, near Hamilton, which would be an ideal hide-out for Dillinger and Mrs. Pierpont stated to the [REDACTED] that she would be glad to mention this to Dillinger in the event she ever makes contact with him. She further advised that in the event informant [REDACTED] or his wife could be of any service, at a subsequent date, she will contact them at Hamilton.

Informant [REDACTED] insists that neither Dillinger nor John Hamilton, or in fact any members of that gang have been in the vicinity of Hamilton, Ohio since the Fall of 1933. He states that he is sure that in the event John Hamilton came to Hamilton, Ohio, he would immediately get in touch with him, as Hamilton was very friendly towards informant [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] advises that Mrs. Eva McDonald, who resides at 112 Main Street, near "B" Street, Hamilton, Ohio is the mother-in-law of Stanley Wagner; also that he knows very little concerning John Hart of Hamilton, and is quite certain that Ralph Hart of Seven Mile, Ohio would have nothing to do with the Dillinger gang. He states that it had been reported that the Dillinger gang were harbored on the Hart farm during the Fall of 1933 but this information is false, and Hart has never met any members of the Dillinger gang. He states, as to John Hart, he did not believe that John Hart's wife would tolerate the harboring of any gangsters at their home. He advised that John Hart who operates a pool room in Hamilton may be connected with gangsters and might arrange to hide them out in the vicinity of Hamilton unbeknownst

to other members of the family.

[redacted] advised he would endeavor to ascertain the identity of the persons using John Hart's Rap Hotel on the night of May 4, 1934 and whether or not John Hart may be harboring some bank bandits or other gangsters at some rendezvous in Hamilton.

In connection with the information previously furnished by [redacted] as to an Attorney residing in Danville, Indiana, who is alleged to be a "go-between" for the Dillinger gang, a list of the attorneys practicing law in Danville mentioned in a previous report was read to [redacted] but these names did not refresh his memory as to any of the attorneys in question. He thought, however, that [redacted] might be the attorney in question. He explained that upon arriving in Danville from Indianapolis, between the first and second stop lights on the left side appears a Courthouse or Post Office; that on the other side of the Court house and he believes at the second stop light by turning left the attorney's office in question may be located, three or four doors down the street from the left hand side. He states that the entrance is right off the street and it appears that this attorney occupies the entire building, which is just a small structure. [redacted] states he was only over there on one occasion and did not call on this attorney himself, but was with some friends when contact was made, therefore he did not pay very much attention at the time and can only recall the location as he remembers it, at the present time.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

CINCINNATI OFFICE at Danville, Indiana will make further attempt to locate the attorney in question, who is alleged to be an intermediary for the Dillinger gang.

At Hamilton, Ohio will keep in contact with the Sheriff's office. [redacted] and informant [redacted]

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May 9, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CUNLEY

Agent in Charge Purvis telephoned from Chicago this afternoon. He advised that two colored people were sent to his office this morning by the Internal Revenue. One of these men was a former Prohibition Agent and the other was his informant previously. The informant, whose name is [redacted], stated that this morning a colored woman called to see him [redacted] Indiana Harbor, Indiana. She works for a man by the name of [redacted], who has a home in Indiana Harbor. The informant didn't know the exact location of this home. The colored woman told [redacted] the informant, that John Billinger had been at this place for ten days and is there now. She said she wouldn't talk to any Government people but was interested in a reward. Mr. Purvis stated he sent Agent Ryan and White with the colored man to see if the colored woman would talk to them and give them this information. Mr. Purvis stated he had offered \$1,000 if the information should really prove of value.

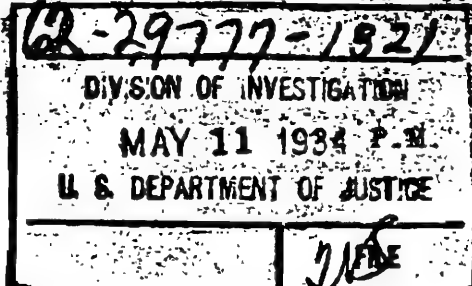
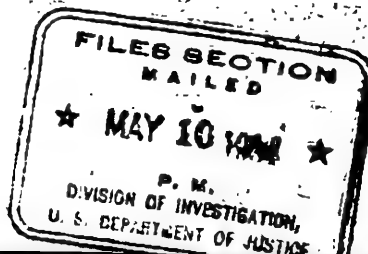
I suggested to Mr. Purvis that he contact Mr. Connolly and tell him to request Mr. Feeney to have two men report to him, Mr. Purvis, at once, giving them no information, however, I suggested to Mr. Purvis that if he didn't have sufficient men, he should take them from Indiana rather than from the Chicago Police Department.

The colored woman had further advised that Billinger went out every night for about an hour, but remained in the house during the day. She further stated that they kept a man in the garage continually. Mr. Purvis said they would plan to raid the place tomorrow morning at dawn should the above information prove of any value.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEENAN

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C O P Y

4459 Calumet Ave  
Chicago, Ill.  
April 27, 1934

Dept. of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

In regards to John Dillinger

We Milburn Wallace and Charles Carwall believe if we be given a chance to join the search for Dillinger and his gang, with proper equipment and expense we could bring him in. Yet we are no detectives or have had any previous experience. We will accept the job on notice providing that we have no publicity of our operation and be kept strictly secret.

We also wish to let you know that we both are American colored.

Hoping an early reply yours

Milburn Wallace

Charles Carwall

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
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Washington, D. C.

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Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*  
Director.

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Information for applicants for the positions of Special Agent and Special Agent (Accountant). Applications may be filed at the pleasure of the applicant. Blank application forms may be obtained by those possessing necessary qualifications by addressing a communication to the Director, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. After the application blank has been filled out in full with all questions answered, it should be mailed to the same address.

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The Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, has investigative jurisdiction over all matters in which the United States is or may be a party in interest, but for the purpose of economy and other administrative reasons, it does not give investigative attention to those matters specifically assigned by Congress to other investigative agencies. Among those matters under the primary jurisdiction of this Division which receive most frequent attention are the following: Administrative investigations; Admiralty Law violations; Antitrust Laws; Applicants for Positions; Bankruptcy Frauds; bondsmen and sureties; Bribery; Claims Against the United States; Claims by the United States; Copyright Violations; Crimes on the High Seas; Crimes in Alaska; Crimes on Indian Reservations; Crimes on Government Reservations; Crime Statistics; Espionage; Federal Kidnaping Act; Federal Reserve Bank Act; Frauds Against the Government; Identification Usages; Illegal Wearing of Service Uniforms; Impersonation of Federal Officials; Interstate Commerce Violations; Larceny from Interstate Shipments; Location of Escaped Federal Prisoners; Mail Fraud; National Bank Act; National Motor Vehicle Theft Act; Neutrality Violations; Obstruction of Justice; Peonage Statutes; Passports and Visas; Patent Violations; Parole and Probation Violations; Personnel Investigations; Red Cross Violations; Theft or Embezzlement of Government Property; Veterans Bureau Violations; White Slave Traffic Act; as well as investigations of a confidential character covering a wide range of subjects requiring the exercise of tact, judgment, resourcefulness, initiative, ability to meet and confer successfully with individuals in all walks of life, to develop evidence, and to prepare it for orderly presentation to the prosecuting officers of the Government.

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APPLICANTS MUST POSSESS THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS:

1. They must be citizens of the United States.
2. They must be willing to serve in any part of the United States or its territorial possessions in which it is determined that their services are required.
3. Education and experience. -- They must show by their application that they are:
  - (a) Graduates from accredited law schools of recognized standing.
  - (b) Expert accountants with practical experience, able to qualify on the witness stand and in practical accounting work as experts.
4. Age. -- They must have reached their twenty-fifth but not their thirty-sixth birthday on the date that the application is filed.
5. Physical ability. -- They must have such health and freedom from physical defects as will enable them to meet the requirements for performing the duties of the position; to undertake extensive and continuous travel; to pass a first class physical examination properly certified upon notification that such certificate is required.

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Prior to receiving an appointment, applicants who are shown to possess the necessary basic qualifications will be afforded a written examination covering subjects of a practical nature designed to test their knowledge of accountancy or law; Federal Procedure; ability to analyze a set of facts; ability to analyze a Federal Statute and apply a set of facts to the statute; ability to outline a proper plan of procedure for the future; ability to express oneself adequately in writing and orally; ability to dictate properly; and ability to conduct investigations of a type calculated to test the investigative knack of the applicant; as well as to show the possession of satisfactory personal qualities, including an ease of approach, the proper standard of personality, poise, speech, tact, judgment and resourcefulness.

Examinations will be held at irregular intervals at field offices of the Division when Inspectors of the Division have occasion to be at field

offices, and applicants residing in the territory within the jurisdiction of such field office will be notified when and where to report for such examinations. Any necessary travel expense incident to this travel must be borne by the applicant, and at no time should it be assumed that early appointments will be made because the opportunity for examination is offered. It is necessary, however, for such an examination to be taken before favorable consideration may be given to any application. The entrance salary paid to Special Agents is \$2,900. per annum, less the current pay cut. The field offices of this Division are located in the following cities:

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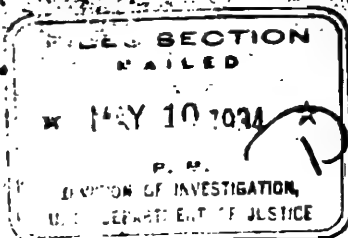
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A.L. ROYBROUGH

JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, W.O. FUGITIVE, I.O. #1217;  
JOHN HAMILTON, W.O. - FUGITIVE - I.O. #1218;  
BONER VAN MEYER, W.O. - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1219;

NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT AND  
HARBORING FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE

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## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Automatic Pistol, 45-calibre, #161971, sold by  
Welf & Klar, Ft. Worth, Texas, to Teppers Loop  
Office, Indiana Harbor, Indiana; 38-Super Colt  
Automatic #14130 sold by Welf & Klar to E.C.  
Leban, San Antonio, Texas. Report also covers  
all guns sold by Welf & Klar, Ft. Worth, to E.C.  
Leban, San Antonio, Texas, 1932, 1933 & 1934.

## REFERENCE:

Telegram from New York Division Office, dated  
May 1, 1934. Copy of letter from San Antonio  
Division Office to Division, dated April 24,  
1934.

## DETAILS:

AT FT. WORTH, TEXAS.

The records of Welf & Klar were searched and it was determined  
that 45-calibre Automatic Pistol #161971 was received by Welf & Klar, February  
19, 1932, and sold March 11, 1932 to Teppers Loop Office, 5022 Main Street,  
Indiana Harbor, Indiana. This information was furnished to the Chicago Division  
Office by telegram, with the request to trace and advise the San Antonio Office.

## DETAILS:

Super Colt Automatic #14130, 38-calibre, was sold by Welf &  
Klar, Ft. Worth, Texas, to E.C. Leban of 211 South Flores Street, San Antonio,  
Texas, September 18, 1933. This information was furnished the San Antonio Of-  
fice by telegram on May 3, 1934.

A complete transcription of the record of all guns sold to E.C.  
Leban by Welf & Klar of Ft. Worth, was taken and is reported herein.

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APPROVED AND  
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*F. J. Beag*

SPECIAL AGENT  
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	1	32 Hand Ejector S & W 3 1/2" nickel	522644	25.00
1-14	1	38 PP 4" 2nd hand	79454	10.00
	1	41 AS 5" nickel	607154	16.00
	1	32/20 AS 5" nickel	523769	16.00
1-22	1	38 Official Police 5" Blue	579322	24.00
	1	32 Regulation Police 3 1/2" blue	526098	24.00
	1	12 G 22 Remington Rifle	621130	18.00
	1	06 22 Winchester Rifle	149660	15.00
1-23	1	25 Colt Auto, Blue	591089	15.00
1-28	10	Model 33 Remington Rifles @ 4.00		40.00
1-29	1	12 G 22 Rifle	625142	18.00
2-1	1	6 22 Winchester Rifle	751710	15.00
	2	24A 22 Long Rifle @ 20.00		40.00
	1	38 Pol. Pos. Special 2" Nickel	583757	22.00
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2-9	1	03 22 Winchester Auto		20.00
2-17	1	24A 22 Long Rifle Rifle		18.00
2-23	1	24A 22 Long Rifle Rifle	Returned	20.00
2-27	1	05 22 Winchester Auto		24.00
3-23	2	Model 33 Rem. Rifles @ 4.00		8.00
4-8	1	45 Colt Auto new model Natl. Match	163021	22.00
	1	22 Iver Johnson Seled. S	3245	10.00
4-9	1	32 Colt auto, blue	510234	16.00
4-9	1	45 Colt Auto, Blue	161997	20.00
4-19	1	32 Colt Auto Blue	510219	16.00
4-25	1	38/44 S & W 6 1/2" blue	40990	25.00
5-4	1	38 Officers Model 7 1/2" blue target	563494	22.00
5-6	1	38/44 S & W 6 1/2" blue target	41455	24.00
10-11	10	Model 20 410 Single Bl. Shotguns @ 5.50		55.00
	30	Page Lewis Rifles @ 2.00		60.00
6-1	25	Colt auto blue	returned	15.00
	25	Acc	1405	22.00
	25	Shooting Master	234075	25.00
6-8	1	38 Officers Model 7 1/2" blue	5781605	22.00
6-14	10	Model 33 Remington Rifles @ 4.00		40.00
6-16	2	22 Acc		22.00
7-5	1	24A 22 LR Cal. Rifle		21.00
	1	12A 22 Rifle		16.00
7-11	1	12A Remington Rifle		16.00
8-22	1	Model 12 16/28 Full Ribbed		14.00
8-23	2	22 Iver Johnson Super Seled. S @ 10.00	5749 - 5745	20.00
8-24	2	922 H & R @ 5.50	149315 - 149341	11.00



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9-1	3	M 22 LR Remington P @ 5.15	10.50
9-6	2	12 A Remington Rifles @ 15.15	30.30
	1	54A Remington Rifle	21.00
9-29	3	24 22 Remington Rifles @ 10.95	32.85
12-30	1	22 H & R Break Top Old Style	558300 5.00
11-32	3	22 H & R Spec old style @ 4.50	558321-558321-558322 13.50
	3	222 H & R @ 5.50	16.50
11-17	4	99A 30/30 Savage @ 33.95	135.80
	3	99B 30/30 Savage @ 37.95	113.85
	1	99A 30S Savage	35.95
	2	99B 30S Savage @ 33.95	67.90
11-17	2	Model 35 Rem. Rifles @ 5.10	10.20
	3	Model 24A 22 LR cal. Rifles @ 21.00	63.00
	3	12A 22 Rem. @ 16.10	48.30
	10	Model 35 Rem. Rifles @ 5.10	51.00
10-12	1	Model 99A 30 30 Job	23.75

**1938**

1-14	1	Model 12 16 gauge 28" mod. Rib. Shotgun		41.95
8-26		Full "		41.95
8-19	1	11A 20 Ga. 16" Imp. Cyl. Ribbed auto-		38.35
8-14	1	Mod. 42 410 ga 26" full		25.50
8-11	2	12 ga 30" full ribbed guns @ 22.00		44.00
	3	16 ga 28" full plain guns @ 22.00		66.00
8-11	10	Model 20 410 ga. single bl. shotguns @ 5.50		55.00
8-7	10	24A 22 long rifle @ 14.00		140.00
8-2	1	11R 12/20 cyl.		38.55
8-2	1	12 ga. 28 full Springfield auto rib		32.00
	4	12 ga. 30 F " " " @ 22.00		88.00
	8	16 ga 28F " " " " " @ 22.00		176.00
	1	16 ga 30F " " " " " @ 22.00		22.00
7-27-53	1	Super Auto blue 38 cal.	121E9	29.25
	1	380 Colt auto blue	115B20	16.55
	1	25 Colt auto blue	595039	15.00
7-18	1	22 H & B Sportman's Single action with #3 Stock		15.00
7-14	10	24A 22 Long Rifle @ 14.00		140.00
	10	34 22 Remington Rifles @ 10.95		109.50
	10	33 22 " " @ 5.10		51.00
	8	13A 22 " " @ 12.55		61.95
	2	11A 12/30 Full Rifles (Remington) @ 32.55		65.10
7-14	1	11A 16/30 Full		32.50
	22	11A 20 ga. 28" Full @ 32.55		65.10
7-11	1	24A 22 L.R.		14.00



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7-1	1	24A 22 Long Rifle		71.00
8-26	1	12A Remington Rifle		12.55
8-24	1	380 Colt auto blue	118360	16.35
1-25	1	380 Colt auto blue	118765	16.35
1-30	1	45 Colt auto blue & 1 Magazine shipped direct to Capt. Robbins, Texas Rangers, Walfurrias, Texas.		
			165084	50.40
2-3	3	22 H & R 10" close out @ 6.00	557831-557848-557819	18.00
	3	22 H & R Targets @ 5.00	502275-502276-502258-	15.00
	4	38 H & R Victor 4 1/2" N @ 3.00	26984-26995-26994-26987	12.00
2-14	1	254 22 Rem. Rifle		10.95
2-25	1	22 Woodsmen	84905	22.10
3-14	1	22 Officers Model 6" blue	89E	22.00
	1	22 Woodsmen blue	81750	22.10
3-15	1	38 Super Auto	13430	29.35
	1	380 Colt auto nickel	99558	18.55
3-18-	1	22 Woodsmen	84132	22.10
3-21	1	22 officers model 6" blue	7065	22.00
3-29	1	12C 22 Rem Rifle	824159	13.45
3-29	1	58 Officers Model 6" blue (Return slip)	567772	22.00
9-19	1	38 Colt Super Auto	14150	29.35
9-22	1	380 Colt auto blue	116132	16.35
10-13	1	45 Colt National Match Auto	165890	22.40
10-14	1	380 Colt Ace Blue	116050	16.35
11-6	10	Model 24A L.R. Rifles @ 18.50		185.00
	10	" 33 22 Rifles @ 6.15		61.50
11-20	2	38 Super auto @ 29.35	14492-14629	58.70
	1	380 auto	117091	16.35
11-24	2	38 Colt auto blue @ 16.35	117121-117095	32.70
11-27	1	380 automatic	117123	16.35
11-28	4	45 Natl. Match @ 32.00	173703-1173695-173697-173700-	130.40
11-14	1	Model 990 300 cal.		42.55
12-11	1	model 99 RS 300 rifle		50.05
12-16	5	Model 24A 22 LR @ 18.50		92.50

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1-17	6	H & R 922 @ 8.25	151952-151961-151983-151966-	
			151959-151967	61.50
	4	H & R Specials @ 8.25	565582-56556-565833-56553	33.00
2-2	1	22 Officers Model Target		52.60
2-5	1	32 Hand Ejector S & W		23.20
2-9	1	380 auto blue	117257	16.35
2-15	1	380 auto	117052	16.35

**1954**

2-15	1	32 Hand Ejector	SL797	\$3.00
2-16	1	410 ga. Winch. Pump 26" fall		\$9.00
	1	410 ga " " " " " " " " " "	with matted rib	\$8.00
2-28	1	Shooting Master 38-cal & 12.	559085	\$5.00
3-5	1	GUR 300 CA Savage		\$1.00
	2	Model 4 Savage @ 10.00		\$20.00
3-6	1	Model 34 Rem. Rifle		\$10.00
3-8	1	Model 85 22 auto		\$2.00
3-17	1	38 Colt Shooting Master	559007	\$5.00
3-30	1	H & R Sportsman S H	5751	\$5.00
4-4-	1	H & R Single Action #5 Stock		\$5.00
4-7	1	38 Shooting Master	559014	\$5.00
4-8	1	38/40 Rev Service Job	553511	\$4.00
	1	32/20 Army Special 5" blue job	568571	\$4.00
	3	Iver Johnson Seled. S @ \$5.	1700-1081-1777	\$15.00
4-9	2	Iver Johnson Seled S @ 5.00		\$10.00

It will be noted numbers are not given for rifles and shot guns.

Mr. Freeman, who is in charge of the gun department at Wolf & Klar, states that he must undo the factory wrapping on guns and rifles in order to record the number; he makes no record of this number. However, records are kept of all pistols and revolvers sold. The transcript was taken only from the beginning of 1932 for the reason that Wolf & Klar's records burned in 1931 and these records are not, of course, available. They salvaged some of the books, and in a charred condition, are being kept in their warehouse. If the occasion should arise a search may be made through these for guns sold prior to 1932. In the absence of such an occasion it is not practicable.

Mr. Freeman was questioned concerning machine guns sold by Wolf & Kline and he stated that no such sale had been made in the past year. He stated also that he had made no direct shipments for Lehman to Chicago, St. Paul or Minneapolis, and that they had no dealer in St. Paul or Minneapolis who purchased guns from them. He named Gary Loan & Mercantile Company of Gary, Indiana; Berman Sporting Company, South Bend, Indiana; and Teppers Loan Office of Indiana Harbor, Indiana, as the three middle-west dealers purchasing guns from Wolf & Kline.

## THE MEETING

MR. TOLSON  
MR. CLEGG  
MR. CONLEY  
MR. EDWARDS  
MR. Egan  
MR. Gurnea  
MR. Lester  
CHIEF CLERK  
[Signature]

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DILLINGER CASE SUMMARY

ON MAY 3, 1934 [REDACTED] FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, REPORTED THAT HE RECEIVED ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL STATING THAT HAMILTON, VAN METER AND ANOTHER MAN STOPPED AT HIS PLACE FROM MAY 1 UNTIL MAY 3 AND ASKED ADVICE OF [REDACTED] INFORMANT REFUSED TO FURNISH NAME AND INVESTIGATION FAILED TO LOCATE HIM. [REDACTED] CALLED TODAY STATING THAT SAME INFORMANT TELEPHONED LAST NIGHT. AGENT DEVEREUX PROCEEDED FORT WAYNE AND [REDACTED] ADVISED INFORMANT WAS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STATES DILLINGER AND VAN METER STOPPED AT HIS HOME LAST NIGHT AND DEMANDED FOOD-STAYING HOUR AND HALF. AT DEPARTURE INDICATED THEY MIGHT RETURN. HAMILTON AND VAN METER STATED TO BE DRIVING BRIGHT RED FORD MODEL A TRUCK WITH PANEL BODY RESEMBLING SMALL GROCERY TRUCK. EACH WORE BULLET PROOF VEST AND HAD MACHINE GUNS. CLAIMED THEY DROVE 700 MILES YESTERDAY. DILLINGER SAID TO HAVE TWO WOUNDS BOTH ON RIGHT INSIDE THIGH. WERE TRAVELING IN EASTERLY DIRECTION WHEN THEY LEFT. AGENTS WHITE-NICHOLS AND RYAN PROCEEDED FORT WAYNE FOR PURPOSE OF REMAINING IN HOUSE OF [REDACTED] AWAITING RETURN VISIT DILLINGER AND VAN METER.

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MRS. SARAH COSTELLO, 2631 N. MONT CLARE AVE., CHICAGO, FOSTER MOTHER OF MARIE COMFORTI, ADVISES MARIE CLAIMED SHE MARRIED WAYNE HURTNER ST. PAUL ABOUT LAST SEPTEMBER. HURTNER IDENTICAL WITH HOMER VAN METER.



MARIE TOLD MRS COSTELLO SHE COULD BE REACHED BY MAIL CARE OF BABE  
REILLY, 288 THOMAS ST. ST. PAUL. MRS. COSTELLO MET HUETTNER ONLY ONCE  
AND CLAIMS HAS NO KNOWLEDGE HIS WHEREABOUTS.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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Washington, D. C.

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Hapleton*

May 9, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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*Interview*

Mr. Chester of the Associated Press telephoned at 2:25 AM stating that they had had a report from Chicago that five squads of police had been sent into the Englewood area of the South side on a tip that John Dillinger had been located in that section and that before they left Sergeant Frank Reynolds had stated that they believed thier information to be authentic. Almost simultaneously the police received a report that "Baby Face" Nelson with two other men had made his appearance at South Ashland Avenue, witnesses had said that Nelson and his companions had jumped into a machine to speed away after they had abandoned their own machine. Mr. Chester desired to know if/ had a verification of the foregoing, I informed Mr. Chester that there was no information available concerning these reports. Mr. Chester advised me that should he obtain any other information he would immediately communicate with this office and desired if possible to obtain some kind of a statement from you concerning it in the morning.

Respectfully submitted,

*Erik G. Peterson*  
Erik G. Peterson.

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PLEASE PROMPTLY REFERRED  
FOR KNOWLEDGE AND CONSIDERATION

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Dear sir, I am writing  
you, because you "put things  
over," and I want to suggest  
that you, and Mr. Cummings,  
"order" the officers who are  
(supposed) to be trying to catch  
Dillinger, Clyde Barrow, and  
the other desperados, to when  
they get a run on them, why  
not try to shoot their  
casings off, in stead of  
trying to shoot them and  
missing so often, a few days  
back they chased Dillinger  
& that they wounded him

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well if that Officer had directed his shots at Dillinger's rear casings, Dillinger would have more than likely been behind the bars again.

And tell all Officers not to "blab" every thought they have to the news papers, & Radios, of course that is what the D.P. wants, but the reading public want these desperate characters caught, and it seems that if any of the officers have a bright idea they call up a reporter & the desperate C. has the idea as soon as the reading public. My deceased Husband was for 4 years Sheriff of

Coneho Co, and he said he  
thought the desire for publicity  
was one of the greatest mistakes  
a peace officer could make,  
he left me a large Ranch, but  
it was so heavily encumbered  
with debt, that I lost it, and  
have not a roof over my head,  
that I can call my own, so  
if my suggestions help catch  
any bad man, you may put  
me on the pension list, if you  
care to. (ha! ha!). President, and  
well, God bless our President, and  
his family, is my mighty pray  
and I believe in prayer.

Resptfully.

Mrs. Lura X Berry  
Route 6 Wichita Falls Tex.

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Mrs. Lura Benge,  
Route 46,  
Wichita Falls, Texas.

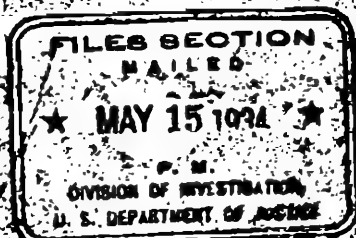
Dear Madam:

Your letter dated May 1, 1934, addressed to the President, suggesting methods to be used for the purpose of effecting the apprehension of John Dillinger, Clyde Barrow, and other criminals, has been referred to the Division of Investigation for attention.

I wish to assure you that your interest in this connection is appreciated, and that your suggestions will be given careful consideration.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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2m  
511 Harley-Wright Building,  
Washington, D. C.

May 11, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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RE: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, Fugitive,  
et al--NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE  
THEFT ACT; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

Dear Sir:

Referring to your wire dated May 10, 1934 to the  
Division, Agent Burruss has today been informed by Mr. J. Herbert  
Taylor, Identification Division, Navy Department, and Miss Eliza-  
beth Foley, Identification Division, War Department, that they  
cannot locate any enlistment record of one Earl Thomas Polick  
who may have enlisted under the name of Earl Dillinger in 1919.  
Both service branches further informed Agent Burruss that they  
could not locate any service record by the classification given  
in your wire.

The above information was furnished to Mr. Stapleton of  
the Division on May 11, 1934.

Very truly yours,

L. R. PENNINGTON, Assistant  
Special Agent in Charge.

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105 W. Adams  
Chicago Illinois

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Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1216 Smith-Young Tower Bldg.  
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sir:

RE: JOHN DILLINGER, with  
aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1219, et al.,  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

Under date of May 8, 1934, a telegram was received from Special Agent in Charge, Frank J. Blake, Dallas, Texas, in which it was stated that a .45 Calibre Automatic, #161971, was sold by Wolf and Klar, Fort Worth, Texas, to the Tupper's Ferry Office, Indiana, Harbor, Indiana, and a request was made to trace same and advise the San Antonio Office.

Special Agent A. McLanahan interviewed Mr. Tupper of the Tupper's Ferry Office, Indiana Harbor, Indiana, and an examination of his records was made; said records disclosed that a .45 Calibre Automatic, #161971, was sold by him to L. E. Gale, 114 North Shaw Avenue, South Haven, Michigan, on July 24, 1933, and delivered on July 25, 1933. Mr. Gale's age is 38 years.

Further investigation will be conducted in South Haven, Michigan, at an early date and you will be advised concerning the results thereof.

Very truly yours,

H. E. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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May 10, 1934

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I talked to Mr. Connelley this afternoon at Richmond, Indiana. He stated that the car which was seen at Oxford, Ohio was purchased at Muncie, Indiana on April 18, 1934 for \$325 in the name of Jack LeRoy, that two men and a woman, known as Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson and brother, lived in a cheap rooming house at Richmond, Indiana from April 7 until April 18 or 19, 1934, when they left, leaving an unpaid rent bill, that the people whose place was rented seemed to be reliable but neither they nor the salesman selling the car could identify Hamilton. Mr. Connelley stated, however, that they saw very little of these individuals and that the fact that they could not identify him did not necessarily mean that he was not one of the men living there.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley.

MR. NATHAN —  
MR. TOLSON —  
MR. CLEGG —  
MR. COWLEY —  
MR. EDWARDS —  
MR. Egan —  
MR. QUINN —  
MR. LESTER —  
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RETURNED TO INDIANAPOLIS NO OTHER RESULTS THAN TELEPHONED

TO MR COWLEY=

CONELLEY.

MR. NATHAN  
MR. TOLSON  
MR. CLEGG  
MR. COWLEY  
MR. EDWARDS  
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RETURNING RICHMOND INDIANA CARE CHIEF POLICE, NO POSITIVE

DEVELOPMENTS YET CAR WAS PURCHASED MUNCIE APRIL EIGHTEEN

LAST FOR CASH

MR. NATHAN CONNELLEY.

MR. TOLSON

MR. GREGG

MR. COWLEY

MR. EDWARDS

MR. EGAN

MR. QUINN

MR. LESTER

CHIEF CLERK

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Dear Sir:

Just a line or two about the  
(John Dillinger) understand me right Sir  
I do not want to know you any-  
body else (But) I will say that I can  
get John Dillinger and his gang By  
playing the (free lance) you see Sir:  
all that I know about him is what  
I have already read in the papers  
but I think that is plenty Wait you  
Now Sir: I am an American boy  
and twenty four years old Married  
With three children working three  
days a week at fifteen Per Week  
But here is my story as Best as  
I can tell it in writing. I myself  
Believe in the American  
Will give my life for my Country  
Be it for John Dillinger and his gang  
and Sir: here is all I can tell you  
and if you do not I will bring

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this gang to justice for all the  
lives for which they have taken.

If you can see that my family  
is supported with food clothing and shelter  
and that you will give me transportation  
a permit to carry any or all the  
arsenal Equipment and furnish me  
with the above and give me a link  
to his present place where he is  
at now and also (give me free lance)  
It is like this since I know that the  
Government has men trained for just  
that type of crime (But) if you will  
only give me a chance (I will get him)  
such men of his type should not be  
left loose so long. he already knows  
that he has fourteen or fifteen lives on  
his shoulder now and I know that he  
won't stop until you get a man with  
(Enough guts) to stop him.

III

sir: I have served two Enlistments  
in the U.S. Army and when I shoot  
my Bullets always hit its marks.  
So please Consider my Plan and  
let me know as soon as possible  
for if he is left loose much longer  
there will be many more lives taken  
and more Banks robbed and the next  
thing you know he will Break into  
some airport and steal some planes  
and then he will have the old  
U.S. by the legs so Please  
think this matter over and one more  
thing Please (don't) let any of  
the News paper see get any idea  
one line letter of mine or my  
name and address let it be a  
secret Between you and I alone,  
Because if Dillinger finds out he  
will already have me on the spot  
either I go through with this

or not so please keep it away from  
Every Body until for yourself decide  
in other words dont let your  
right hand know what your left  
hand dose. and I will get him  
if you let me.

Hoping my Dreams will come true,

Sincerely Yours:

Mr Harold W. Prissmiller  
140 Poplar Street

Reading Penna.



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May 15, 1934

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Mr. Harold W. Rasmiller,  
140 Poplar Street,  
Reading, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

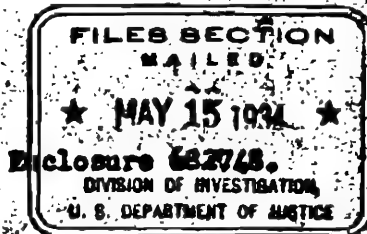
Your undated letter addressed to the President, requesting to be given employment for the purpose of effecting the apprehension of John Dillinger, has been referred to this Division for attention.

While your interest and offer of assistance in this matter are deeply appreciated, I regret to advise that temporary appointments are not being made by the Division of Investigation at the present time. However, if you possess the requisite qualifications for the position of Special Agent, I shall be pleased to forward you an application blank upon your further request.

There is enclosed herewith a statement concerning the position of Special Agent in the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover.  
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some little time ago with  
relative to John Dillinger  
reason to believe after a careful study  
of newspaper photos of John Dillinger, that  
he is one and the same man that I saw  
on several occasions last summer  
while in Chicago. These meetings were  
quite frequent and covered a period from  
about July 4<sup>th</sup> 1933 to Aug 22-33. I of  
course never knew at the time who I was  
meeting or did I establish any connection  
until about a month ago. I am assured  
now in my own mind that I unconsciously  
was stumbling on to something big and  
never once dreamed that it was not as  
it should be. I am going to endeavor  
to relate as near as possible just what  
happened. Now of course things dovetail.

at the time they did not  
I will first state that  
I lived in Chicago from 1929 to July  
1931, residing with my wife and  
family at 11 East Pearson St. and at  
6910 Delaware Place. Last summer  
I returned to Chicago to attend the  
fair and remained about 8 weeks,  
rooming with my oldest son on Maple  
St near State Park Way. In the course  
of my going and coming on the Near  
North side I met up at frequent  
intervals in very near the same locations  
the man I now know to be Hillingier.  
He was most always with two women  
but a striking blonde, so decidedly  
different that one would never fail  
to recognize again, while the other  
woman was of the Brunette type. Both  
women dressed up to the minute. The  
man I know to be Hillingier wore his hat  
at such an angle, it came out to look  
again and remember a certain look he  
had of watching you while apparently  
looking elsewhere. Our meetings  
became so frequent that recognition



became mutual. Most of the meetings  
were in the vicinity of State and Maple  
State and Elm. After on one or two  
occasions I met them at Dearborn  
Parkway and Division Sts and Dearborn  
Parkway and Maple and also, at the  
Oak St Beach near the Drake Hotel.  
Now follows a Coincidental Meeting  
of Willinger alone. I was endeavoring  
one day to locate a friend of mine I  
had known back in 1930. After making  
inquiries I found that he hung out at  
a place called Easy on Sedgewick St a  
few doors north & west Chicago ave.  
I found the place but not my friend.  
It was on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor rear, a very  
disreputable place run by a Negro  
Woman, and patronized by riff raff  
and Negroes both sexes. But the  
question was, where was Willinger in  
the kitchen in conversation with a  
Negro. When I entered Willinger  
recognized me and in a jesting  
manner said to me. Are you following  
me? If you are you better scream.  
I took note of the Negro and noticed

he was tall, and had an ugly  
scar down the left side of his face,  
extending to the mouth. This scar  
makes the man very easily recognized.  
I would know him again if I saw him.  
My next experience happened a few  
nights later. I was walking on  
Clark St near Division St. and I  
drifted into a Dance Hall called the  
Plaza (upstairs) and lo and behold,  
was the Blonde girl of the Trio. I  
danced with her two or three times,  
and in the course of our conversation  
I asked her about her boy friend. She  
answered Oh! he is a big shot and  
in the Bushes, but he is out of town for  
a couple days. I said where out of town  
and she said Toledo. I asked her  
where she lived, she just said Barry  
ave and the lake and later apparently  
forgetting herself, she said I have  
a small apartment on Belle Plaine  
where the hot shot and I stay. I  
says well what does he do. Oh that  
would be telling, but if you want to  
find out go see him sometime. You

Can find him at the City of the  
three Sigs. The 3 Sigs she  
told me was on State St  
between Ohio and Superior and was  
the street number for a Basement  
Tavern. I found the place but never  
went in. Here is the point where I  
left off. For over a month now I have been  
obsessed with the notion I could  
find his girl and the Negro and in  
these two lie the key to Kellinger's  
Chicago hideout and contacts. I  
have a hunch I could turn his truck  
and would like to try it. I am  
sure I could locate the girl or find  
trace of her through other girls who  
patronize the Place, as I said before  
she was so decidedly different,  
she was easy to remember. You have  
undoubtedly played every hunch  
under the sun to get your man but  
I'll bet in a week if either his girl or  
the Negro are in Chicago I can find  
them. There would be no risk on  
my part as only a very few people



know P.O. I am 43 yrs old.  
Reputation good. No skeletons. Not  
afraid. resourceful, and can find my  
way about. I am not a thrill seeker  
now am I looking for publicity. I  
just play hunches for the joy of the gamble.

Respectfully

Charles Wane

P.O. For Character References with  
any professional Man or the  
Farmers State Bank in Wausau  
Wis.



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Mr. Charles S. Ware,  
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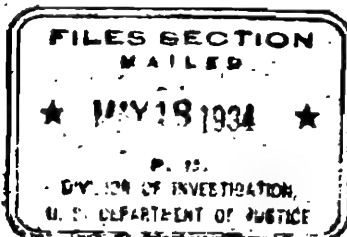
Dear Sir:

Please accept my thanks for your letter dated  
May 8, 1934, furnishing information concerning John  
Dillingham.

The interest manifested by you is deeply appre-  
ciated and the information contained in your letter will  
be given due consideration.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: JOHN ROBERT DILLINGER, with  
aliases - FUGITIVE;  
Identification Order #1217, et al.  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act,  
Obstruction of Justice.

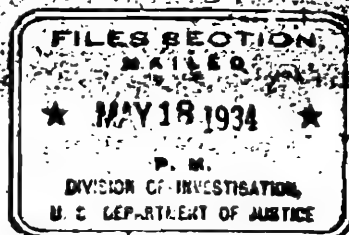
Dear Sir:

In connection with the above case, there are attached  
copies of a letter received from Mr. Charles S. Ware, Wisconsin  
Veterans Home, Wisconsin, dated May 8, 1934, purporting to fur-  
nish information concerning an individual whom he came in contact  
with in July and August, 1933, and who may be identical with  
John Dillinger.

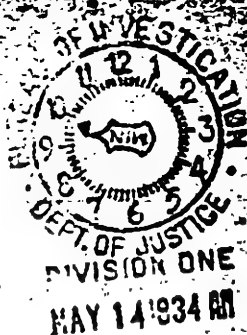
Very truly yours,

Director.

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May 12, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
315 House Building,  
San Francisco, California.

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Dear Sir:

RE: E. A. LEHMAN; JOSEPH JOHN MURPHY, et al;  
HARBORING FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE;  
FURNISHING MACHINE GUNS TO GANGSTERS;  
St. Paul File No. 61-512.

E. A. LEHMAN, who operates a bar store at 134  
South Flores Street, San Antonio, Texas, when recently taken into  
custody, admitted that he had furnished arms and ammunition to LARRY  
GILLIS, alias "BART FACK" NELSON, alias JAMES WILLIAMS, and was  
associated.

When interviewed by Special Agent in Charge  
Gus T. Jones, LEHMAN stated that "BART FACK" NELSON, who was known to  
him as JAMES WILLIAMS, had informed him that if he were ever in San  
Francisco that he would get in touch with him, "BART FACK" NELSON,  
through JOE JOHN MURPHY, who is well known at San Francisco.

It is requested that efforts be made to  
ascertain the identity and connections of JOE JOHN MURPHY, San  
Francisco, California.

Very truly yours,

E. E. GINN,

Inspector

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1934 June 2nd, New York  
J. Edgar Hoover  
May 2, 1934

Mr. E. E. Clegg,  
Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
222 Post Office Bldg.,  
St. Paul, Minn.

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Dear Sir:

Re: E. E. CLEGG,  
Delayed Post. Serv. from  
JAMES HILLMAN, et al.  
Ext. Rev. Pub. Trust Act.

Attached hereto please find two copies of memorandum prepared by the writer relative to five Thompson sub-machine guns which were sold and delivered at St. Paul, Minn., by J. M. Steinhilber to E. E. Clegg of San Antonio, Texas.

This memorandum also contains information pertaining to Thompson sub-machine gun No. 9228 and 9241, the making of which was requested in telegram from the New York City Division office dated April 29, and May 4, 1934, respectively.

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
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Acting Special Agent in Charge

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1551 First Nat'l Bank Bldg.,  
El Paso, Texas,  
May 5, 1934.

MEMORANDUM

RE: H.S. LEHMAN - Unlawful Poss. Govt. Property.  
JOHN BILLINGER, et al - H.M.V.T.L.

Reference is had to long distance telephone call from S.J.C. Gas 2, Jones, San Antonio, Tex., on April 29, 1934 at which time he requested the tracing of certain machine guns alleged to have been sold by one J.H. Stockmeyer of El Paso, Tex., to H.S. Lehman of San Antonio, Tex. Reference is also made to memorandum of Special Agents C.H. Davis and F.J. Mackay of the San Antonio office dated May 3, 1934.

Investigation at El Paso, Tex., reveals that H.S. Lehman, during the month of September, 1933, the exact date unknown, purchased through John H. Stockmeyer, Nathan Cordova and Simon Silva, the latter a hardware dealer of El Paso, Tex., and Juarez, Mex., two Thompson submachine guns. The numbers of these guns have not been definitely established but it is believed that one of these guns is No. 6141 which, according to a wire from the New York City Division office, was shipped by the Auto Ordnance Corp., Hartford, Conn., manufacturers, to the Shelton Payne Arms Co., El Paso, Tex., March 28, 1928, which company sold this gun to the proprietor of the Knickerbocker Club, a gambling house, at El Paso, Tex., and later sold by the Knickerbocker Club to F.C. Armstrong, former sheriff of El Paso, Tex. Neither the Knickerbocker Club nor Mr. Armstrong has kept a record of the number of this gun. However, Mr. Armstrong advises that this gun was ordered by the Knickerbocker Club in the early part of 1928 through the Shelton-Payne Arms Co., a corporation which went out of business more than three years ago.

Attempt has been made to determine the exact number of this gun but the records of the Shelton Payne Arms Co. have been destroyed or put away where they can not be found. However, Maury Kemp, an attorney for Mrs. Lena Shelton, widow of W.H. Shelton, has advised this agent that he would write Mrs. Shelton, who is now supposed to be in New York, and ascertain from her, if possible, where the records of the former Shelton Payne Co. might be located. Mr. Kemp advised that upon receipt of this information he will notify the El Paso Division office.

The other gun involved in the sale to Lehman was purchased by John H. Stockmeyer and Nathan Cordova through Simon Silva and his brother, Jose R. Silva, proprietors of the Mexico Hardware Co. of El Paso, Tex., and Juarez, Mex., Jose Silva being the manager of the place in Juarez. This gun, according to statements of Stockmeyer, Cordova and Simon Silva, was the property of I. Flores Prias, a former Mexican General stationed at Juarez, Mex., and in statement of Nathan Cordova he admits that Stockmeyer, Jose Silva and himself brought this gun from Juarez, Mex., to El Paso, Tex., in an automobile in the daytime and that they took it to the Mexico Hardware Co. on Santa Fe St.

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Cordova further states that sometime in September, 1933, the exact date not recalled, he and Stockmeyer went to the home of T.C. Armstrong and Stockmeyer bought the other Thompson submachine gun from Mr. Armstrong and both guns were then taken to the home of J.H. Stockmeyer at 244 Perfirio Diaz St., where they met Leban and another man and the guns were turned over to them by Stockmeyer; that he did not know how much money Stockmeyer received for these guns as he did not see this part of the transaction; that he personally made the deal with Armstrong for this gun but Armstrong was paid by Stockmeyer, the purchase price, he thinks, being \$240.

An effort is being made to trace the General Frias gun by number through Simon Silva and Jose R. Silva but so far they have been unable to ascertain the number. Gen. Frias is now reported to be in Mexico City and Simon Silva states he doubts very much if Frias has the number of this gun.

It is the belief of this agent that the Gen. Frias gun was the property of the Mexican government and in the event they knew the number of the gun would probably hesitate to reveal it, thinking they might get in trouble with the Mexican Federal authorities.

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Cordova states that about three weeks subsequent to the date they negotiated for the above described machine guns, possibly the early part of October, Stockmeyer came to him and said he had a deal on for more Thompson submachine guns and inquired if he knew where they could be found; that he said he did not know but would make inquiries; that he communicated with Simon Silva, of the Mexico Hardware Co., and that Silva advised him he did not know at that time but believed the guns could be obtained in Juarez, Mex.; that he and Stockmeyer later called on Simon Silva in El Paso and Silva stated that three second-hand Thompson submachine guns were available in Juarez; that Simon Silva accompanied him and Stockmeyer to the Mexico Hardware Co. in Juarez, Mex., where they were shown three machine guns in the warehouse of the said hardware company; that Stockmeyer examined the guns and told Simon Silva they were satisfactory and he understood the price to be paid for these guns was \$225, each, for delivery in El Paso; that they called on Simon Silva in El Paso some two or three times relative to the delivery of the guns and that Silva put them off several times, stating the guns had not been delivered; that later he contacted Stockmeyer who told him that Leban was en route from San Antonio to get the guns; that he does not remember the date but is sure it was in October and on Sunday night, that Stockmeyer told him the guns were at Jose Silva's house in Kern Place, El Paso, Tex.; that they then went to the home of Jose Silva in Kern Place, the street and number he does not know, and received the guns out of the garage in the back of Silva's house; that they then proceeded to the home of John H. Stockmeyer, 244 Perfirio Diaz St., and he saw an automobile there and that while he did not see Stockmeyer deliver the guns to these parties, Stockmeyer told him he had turned the guns over to Leban. Cordova says he received \$75 for his part in this transaction.

Prior to the interview with Cordova John H. Stockmeyer had been interviewed. Considerable time was consumed in locating Stockmeyer who was supposed to be employed by an insurance company in El Paso, as agent had no description of him and no description was available. No one at the police or sheriff's department seemed to know Stockmeyer. However, he was finally located at his place of employment, the Buckner Insurance Co., and was brought to the El Paso Division office for

an interview.

Stockmeyer was very evasive and denied at first ever having handled any machine guns in El Paso, but after considerable time was spent questioning him he admitted that he had handled four machine guns, three of which he had purchased from Simon Silva and his brother, Jose Silva, who operate a hardware store in El Paso, Tex., and Juarez, Mex., claiming the purchase was made through Simon Silva in El Paso; that he first examined the guns in the hardware store in Juarez and consummated the deal with Simon Silva in El Paso and had no idea how these guns were brought from Mexico to the United States; that he received the guns in the garage back of Jose Silva's residence in Kern Place, the number of the house or the street on which it is located he does not know.

Stockmeyer stated that sometime in the month of July or August, 1933 he had met a man known to him as Fred Cushing who is a salesman for mining supplies; that he had formerly known Cushing back in 1923 or 1929 at which time Stockmeyer was acting as purchasing agent for General Escobar at the time of the last revolution in Mexico, and that his information was that Cushing either resided or had headquarters in San Antonio, Tex.; that sometime in September, 1933 he received a long distance telephone call from H.S. Lehman of San Antonio, Tex., who advised him that his name had been given him by Cushing as being a person who might be able to furnish Lehman with some Thompson Submachine guns, Lehman stating he was in the market for several of these kinds of guns; that he advised Lehman he did not know where he could obtain the guns but would inquire around and see if he could locate some.

Stockmeyer said he later contacted Simon Silva of the Mexico Hardware Co. and Silva told him he could probably get the guns in Juarez, Mex.; that later on Silva advised him there were three guns available in Juarez; that he accompanied Silva to Juarez and inspected the guns and a price was agreed upon for their delivery in El Paso; that he then advised Lehman by telephone and that Lehman came to El Paso driving what he believed to be a Ford or a Chevrolet sedan, accompanied by another person; that he sold these guns and delivered them to Lehman at his home at 244 Porfirio Diaz St., El Paso, Tex.; that he received the guns from Silva in the garage back of Jose Silva's home in Kern Place. One of the machine guns, Stockmeyer claimed to have purchased from T.C. Armstrong, former sheriff of El Paso County, Tex., for the sum of \$240.

During this interview with Stockmeyer he denied emphatically that he handled five machine guns, stating there were only four, three of which came from Juarez, Mex., and one from Mr. T.C. Armstrong, and that he had never had any dealings outside of the one time with Lehman regarding any guns, although he had had telephone conversations over long distance with Lehman relative to the purchase of more guns.

Signed, sworn statements were obtained from John H. Stockmeyer and Nathan Cordova and the same are attached to and made a part of this memorandum. The originals of these sworn statements are attached to copies of this memorandum for the San Antonio office, as prosecution of Lehman is being attempted in that district.



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After the interview with Nathan Cordova, Stockmeyer evidently was told by Cordova, or he received information to the effect that Cordova had possibly told the truth of a different story to that told by Stockmeyer, and Stockmeyer made an oral statement which corroborates the signed statement of Cordova.

Simon Silva, Proprietor of the Mexico Hardware Co., 341 E. Santa Fe, El Paso, Tex., telephone Main 2512, was interviewed at the Division office. He was evasive in answering every question asked him and refused to make any signed statement whatever. However, after being questioned at length he admitted that Nathan Cordova and John H. Stockmeyer had come to him and asked to buy some machine guns and that he had told them they could possibly be bought through his brother, Jose Silva of the Mexico Hardware Co., in Juarez, in which company he is also interested. He denied that he accompanied Cordova and Stockmeyer to Juarez where the guns were inspected, denying having anything to do with the deal with the exception of telling them that these guns might be purchased in Mexico through his brother. He finally admitted that he had seen one of the guns in the vault in the hardware store in Juarez, Mex., and that he had inquired as to whom the gun belonged and had been told that it belonged to Gen. I. Flores Frias who was at that time stationed in Juarez, his brother advising him that Gen. Frias had turned the gun over to him on an account that he owed the store; that his brother had informed him later that he had sold this gun to Stockmeyer. Simon Silva also admitted that later on he had seen three Thompson submachine guns in the warehouse of the hardware store in Juarez and that his brother had informed him that they were the property of Lt. Colonel Bodillo who at that time was also stationed in Juarez and that his brother had later informed him, which he believed was sometime in October, that these guns had been sold to Stockmeyer. However, he maintained that he had nothing whatever to do with either of these deals and had nothing to do with the delivery of these guns, stating that he was confident these guns were sold and delivered to Stockmeyer by his brother, as above stated. Simon Silva said he would attempt to obtain the numbers of the machine guns in question and furnish this information to the El Paso Division office. He later advised that the three guns sold to Stockmeyer, formerly the property of Lt. Col. Bodillo, bore the following numbers:

- 1 Thompson Submachine gun #1706
- 1 " " " " #7378
- 1 " " " " #5487

That delivered with these machine guns were 12 30-cartridge magazines and 3 50-cartridge magazines; that they had endeavored to trace the one gun which was formerly the property of Gen. Frias of Juarez but there was no record of this gun and that Gen. Frias is now in the City of Mexico and he doubted very much if Frias had the number of the gun. Therefore, he believed he would be unable to furnish the number of this gun.

It is the belief of this agent that the statement made by Nathan Cordova relative to Simon Silva's participation in this deal is true and that Silva is only denying the transaction through fear that he might be caused trouble relative to having these guns smuggled from Mexico into the United States.

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T. G. Armstrong, former sheriff of El Paso County, Tex., was interviewed and stated that the one gun which he sold to Cordova and Stockmeyer was a practically new Thompson submachine gun which was supposed to have been purchased in 1928 by the Knickerbocker Club, a gambling house operating on South El Paso St., El Paso, Tex., from the Shelton Payne Arms Co., 519 Texas St., which company has now been out of business for about three years; that at the time this gun was purchased by the Knickerbocker Club there were a number of holdups and robberies being perpetrated in El Paso and the proprietor of this club had bought this gun for their protection, in the event of an attempted holdup; that later on prior to the time that he went out of office at the beginning of 1933 the Knickerbocker Club sold him this gun, stating they did not think they had any further use for it and did not want to keep it around the place; that after he retired as sheriff, inasmuch as the machine gun was his personal property, he had taken it home with him, but that he never, as he remembers, took down the number of this gun and therefore is unable to give the number of same.

Mr. Armstrong further stated that sometime in September, 1933, the exact date not recalled, Kate Cordova, a deputy constable of El Paso, made inquiry of him as to where he could buy a Thompson submachine gun; that he told Cordova he had one but did not know whether he cared to sell it; that Cordova asked him for a price on the gun, stating he was buying it for another person and that he told Cordova he would take \$275 for it; that Cordova was talking to him on the telephone and evidently conferred with someone else after which he stated that the price was too high; that finally, he believes, he told them they could have the gun for \$250 but they still thought the price a little high. However, in some two or three days Cordova told him his party would take the gun; that Cordova had a man whom he introduced as Stockmeyer came to his home and paid him \$240 or \$230, he is not sure which, and he turned the gun over to them.

It is the belief of this agent that this is Thompson submachine gun which is mentioned in telegram from the New York City Division office under date of May 4, 1934, as the information is that the Armstrong gun was ordered by the Knickerbocker Club in the early part of 1928 through the Shelton-Payne Arms Co., then in business in El Paso. An attempt is being made to locate the records of the Shelton-Payne Co., with a view to ascertaining the correct number of this gun.

Jose Silva, who operates the Mexico Hardware Store in Juarez, has not been interviewed relative to this matter but will be interviewed later if it is thought necessary.

Reference is made to a telegram received from the New York City Division office under date of April 28, 1934 requesting a check on Thompson machine gun No. 6315 which was recovered at Rhinelander, Wisconsin, April 22, 1934, advising that this gun was shipped by the Auto Ordnance Corp'n., Hartford, Conn., manufacturers, in company with three other guns, namely Nos. 7051, 6046 and 8211, shipped March 12, 1929 to Koman-Dunnegan-Ryan Co., El Paso, Tex., on their telegraphic order through the manufacturers' New York City office.



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A check of the records at the Hanson-Sumner-Hyatt Company, El Paso, Tex., reveals that Thompson submachine gun No. 6315, together with 24 other machine guns, was sold by that firm to the Mexican Government and shipped to El Paso, Arizona. The Mexican Consul General at El Paso, Tex., reports that all of these machine guns had been lost or stolen. A list of the 25 machine guns which were sold to the Mexican Government in May, 1929 is as follows:

6728	7215	6315	6007	7028
6714	6699	6226	6434	7425
7352	5987	6322	6429	7668
6688	6365	6459	6415	8345
5301	6436	6352	6404	6844

A check of the registers of the different leading hotels at El Paso for the months of September and October, 1933, was made by agent with a view to ascertaining if anyone by the name of H.S. Lehman had registered but this name does not appear during that period. From the statement made by Stockmeyer, it is evident that Lehman arrived in El Paso on the same date that he received the guns and either stopped at some camp ground or some cheap rooming house, if he spent any time here at all, evidently leaving El Paso at night for San Antonio.

A description of H.S. Lehman, as given by Stockmeyer, is as follows:

Age - about 40  
 Ht. - 5' 11" or 6'  
 Wt. - 200 lbs.  
 Hair - Brown  
 Comp. - Fair  
 Eyes - Dark  
 Looks to be of Jewish descent

The following is the best description that Stockmeyer could give of the man who accompanied Lehman at the time of the last delivery of machine guns:

Age - about 35  
 Comp. - light  
 Eyes - Blue  
 Well dressed  
 Had nothing to say relative to the deal in machine guns.

A photograph of George (Baby Face) Nelson was shown to Stockmeyer, as well as other photographs of members of the Dillinger gang, to ascertain if he could identify any of them as the person who accompanied Lehman at the time he received the last machine guns, but he was unable to identify any of them.

Further efforts are being made to locate the records of the Shelton-Payne Arms Co. to ascertain the number of the machine gun sold by Armstrong to Stockmeyer who in turn sold and delivered the same to Lehman.

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Since this memorandum was dictated, J. H. Stockmeyer has called on the El Paso Division office advising that he wished to make an additional statement with regard to the matters outlined herein. He was allowed to make this statement and in same he admits the handling of five machine guns, instead of only four, and corroborates the information furnished in statement of Nathan Givens.

The original of Stockmeyer's supplemental statement dated May 2, 1934, is attached to copies of this memorandum for the San Antonio office, and copies of the statement are attached to and made a part of this memorandum.

It will be noted that Simon Silva's brother is referred first as "Jesus" Silva and then as "Jesus" Silva. Stockmeyer advises that "Jesus" is Silva's correct name and that Simon Silva purposely gave the name incorrectly as Jesus.

The facts with regard to the sale of the instant machine guns by Stockmeyer to Lehman were presented to Assistant U.S. Attorney W. S. Howe, El Paso, Tex., who declined prosecution.

The San Antonio office was advised by wire on May 4 relative to the transaction between Stockmeyer and Lehman, and the Division was notified by wires dated April 30 and May 4, 1934, relative to tracing machine guns Nos. 6315 and 6141.

J. L. Street,  
Special Agent.

JAS:tg  
Copies to:

Division-3;  
Mr. H. H. Clegg, St. Paul-3;  
Chicago-3;  
New York-1;  
San Antonio-3;  
El Paso-3.



El Paso, Texas,  
May 4, 1934.

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STATEMENT

I, J. M. STOCKMAYER, after having been advised of my Constitutional rights to the effect that I do not have to make a statement and that any statement I may make concerning this matter may be used against me, do hereby make the following free and voluntary statement to J. A. Street, Special Agent of the Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, El Paso, Texas, concerning the Thompson sub-machine guns sold by me to H. S. Lehman of San Antonio, Texas.

I am 35 years of age, was born at Coahuila in the State of Chihuahua, Mexico; am a Mexican citizen and have lived in the United States for the past 25 years. I presently reside with my mother Mrs. M. C. Stockmayer, at 244 Porfirio Diaz Street, El Paso, Texas.

In September, 1933, the exact day of the month I do not remember, I sold and delivered to H. S. Lehman of San Antonio, Texas, 4 Thompson sub-machine guns for which he paid me \$275.00, cash. I bought three of these guns from Simon Silva, proprietor of the Mexico Hardware Company at Santa Fe and Second Sts., El Paso, Texas, paying Silva \$225 each. These guns were delivered to me by Silva who had them in a garage back of the house where he was living in Kern Place. I do not remember the number of the house nor the name of the street.

On the same date, I delivered another Thompson sub-machine gun to H. S. Lehman of San Antonio, Tex., which gun I purchased from T. C. Armstrong, former sheriff of El Paso County, Texas. This gun was delivered to me by Mr. Armstrong at his home at 2815 North Florence St., and for which I paid him \$240.

These four guns were delivered by me to H. S. Lehman of San Antonio, Texas, who came to El Paso for them. I turned these guns over to Lehman at my home at 244 Porfirio Diaz St., and he took them and put them in his car which was then parked in our garage back of the house.

I have no information concerning where these machine guns originally came from as I bought three as above stated from Silva, the hardware dealer, and one from Mr. Armstrong.

My contact with Lehman was made through Fred Cushing who is known to me as a salesman of mining supplies. Cushing knew I had lived in El Paso for a long time and had certain connections and he informed Lehman that I might be able to make the purchase of some machine guns for him. Later I received a telephone call from Lehman from San Antonio who wanted to know if I could get some Thompson sub-machine guns for him and I told him I thought I could get some for him. After making arrangements through Silva and

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Armstrong I informed Letman by long distance telephone and he came to El Paso in his automobile where I turned the guns over to him, as above stated.

At the time I handled these guns I did not know I was violating any law.

The above is a true statement to the best of my knowledge and belief.

*J.H. Stockmeyer*  
J. H. STOCKMEYER

Witness:

*Chris P. Fox* Sheriff, El Paso County, Tex.

*J.A. Street* S. Agt., Divn. of Investigation, U.S. Dept.  
of Justice, El Paso, Tex.



El Paso, Texas,  
May 4, 1934.

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STATEMENT OF NATHAN CORDOVA.

I, Nathan Cordova, Jr., after being duly warned of my constitutional rights that I do not have to make any statement and that any statement I may make concerning this matter may be used against me, do make the following free and voluntary statement to J. A. Street, Special Agent of the Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice at El Paso, Texas, concerning any and all machine guns that were delivered and sold to H.S. Johnson of San Antonio, Texas:

I am 26 years old and live at 217 Hardy Ave., El Paso, Texas, and am single.

To the best of my knowledge, sometime during September, 1933, Johnny Stockmeyer, my cousin, asked me if I knew where he could get a Thompson sub-machine gun. I told him I did not but would look around. I called up, I think it was Captain Snyder at the police station, and asked him if he had or knew of anyone who had a machine gun for which he had no use and wanted to sell same. He said he did not know of anyone and inquiring around I asked Deputy Constable W.L. Smith if he knew of any officer or anyone who had a machine gun he wanted to sell. He told me that he thought Tom Armstrong had one of his own and did not have any more use for it.

I called up Mr. Armstrong and asked him if he had a gun he wanted to sell. He said he had one of his own and did not know whether he wanted to sell it or not. I asked him what he would take for the gun and he said, I think it was, \$250. I then told Stockmeyer what the price was and it seemed too high to him so we let that matter drop.

I then got in touch with Mr. Simon Silva of the Mexico Hardware Co., a friend of mine, and asked him if he knew where I could get a sub-machine gun. He said he could not sell them to me unless I could get a letter from a peace officer. I told him I would see whether I could or not, but I never did get such a letter. A few days later, I do not recall whether I called Mr. Silva up or whether he called me up, but he said there was a Mexican officer - I do not recall whether he said he was a general or a colonel - over the River who had a second hand gun and did not have any use for it. He said he had the gun over there on the other side.

Mr. Stockmeyer and I went over there and Mr. Stockmeyer looked at the gun and the price being satisfactory Mr. Stockmeyer, Mr. Silva's brother and I brought the gun back with us in an automobile. The gun at the time we looked at it was in the warehouse of the Mexico Hardware Co. in Juarez.

Then Mr. Stockmeyer told me to get ahold of Mr. Armstrong and tell him we would give him his price for the gun which we did. We got the gun and came back to town and delivered it to two individuals who were inside of either a Chevrolet or a Ford sedan. Mr. Stockmeyer got out and delivered the guns to these men and I

*In front of Mr. Stockmeyer's house*  
*Nathan Cordova*

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had a bunch of .45 ammunition which Mr. Armstrong had given me and I got off the map and gave it to these men. I was introduced by Johnny to one of them but I don't recall the name. I do not know how much they paid for them as I did not see that part of the transaction. Johnny told me that they were men who had a gun store or gun shop in San Antonio.

I do not recall just how long after that - it must have been about two or three weeks, to the best of my knowledge - that Johnny got in touch with me and asked if I knew where we could get any more guns. I got in touch with Mr. Simon Silva and he told me he would see. I do not recall just how long after that conversation took place that he told me there were some army officers over the river who had three second hand guns that they had no use for and wanted to sell.

Mr. Stockmeyer and I and Mr. Silva drove over there and looked at the guns and Mr. Silva's warehouse and the guns being C.I. and the price satisfactory, Johnny agreed to take them. I do not recall what day of the week that was but the following Sunday Johnny told me these parties were coming from San Antonio - I do not recall whether it was San Antonio or Dallas that time - and on that Sunday night these guns were delivered to us on this side of the river in the garage of Mr. Silva's brother's house in Kern Place. The guns were turned over to Mr. Stockmeyer who took them over to his house and I do not know what became of them after that, as that is the last time I saw them. I received \$75 for my part in this particular transaction.

I did not know it was against the law to sell these guns, otherwise I would not have dared to have gotten mixed up in this matter and would not have allowed my cousin, Johnny, to get mixed up in it either. In fact, I would not have tried to get anybody in trouble.

I have no idea how the last three machine guns came from Juarez to the United States.

This statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WITNESSES:

Oliver P. Fay

Sheriff, El Paso County, Texas.

J. A. Street

Special Agent, Divn. of Investigation,  
U.S. Dept. of Justice, El Paso, Tex.

Nathan Cordova

El Paso, Texas,  
May 8, 1934.

93423

I, J.H. Stockmeyer, having made a statement on May 4, 1934, to which I swore on May 7th, 1934, to Special Agent J.A. Street, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, at El Paso, Texas, after again being advised of my Constitutional rights to the effect that I do not have to make a statement and that any statement that I make may be used against me, do hereby add some details which were omitted from my former written statement although stated verbally to Mr. Street.

I presume that Fred Cushing told H.S. Lehman, hardware dealer, San Antonio, Texas, from whom I received a letter in August, 1933, that I could get some Thompson machine guns for him. Not knowing where I could get these, I went to my cousin, Nate Cordova, and he tried to acquire them from the Police Department. They could not be secured there and so he went to Simon Silva, proprietor of the Mexico Hardware Company, who furnished four Thompson machine guns. Another gun was secured from Tom Armstrong, making a total of five machine guns which I sold to H.S. Lehman.

The gun received from Armstrong and one of the guns received from Simon Silva were delivered in the first part of September, 1933, to Lehman here in El Paso.

About two weeks after this delivery, I called Lehman on the long distance telephone at San Antonio and told him that I could get three more guns for him. Two weeks after this telephone conversation, or in the early part of October, I contacted Simon Silva again, through Nate Cordova, and he said he could get me three more guns. We proceeded to Juarez, Mexico, that is Simon Silva, Nate Cordova and myself went to Juarez, to look at these guns in the vault of the Mexico Hardware Company's Juarez store. After inspecting these guns, I decided that they were all right and told Simon Silva I would get in touch with Lehman and advise him.

Lehman came for these guns and I went to Kern Place, with Nate Cordova, to the home of Simon Silva's brother, Jesus Silva, where Simon Silva delivered the guns to Nate Cordova and myself. In turn, we took the guns to a point in front of my house, 244 Porfirio Diaz St., where I delivered them to Lehman and another man. Lehman paid me \$275 for each gun.

One of the first guns that I received from Simon Silva came from Juarez and I inspected it in Silva's store in Juarez. At that time, Nate Cordova and Simon Silva were with me. This gun was brought over from Juarez by Jesus Silva, Nate Cordova and myself. At that time we had already got possession of the gun purchased from Tom Armstrong. We delivered these guns to Lehman on the day of the trip to Juarez although each gun was delivered at a different hour.

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As to the three guns that I purchased from Simon Silva after inspecting them in Silva's Juarez store, the original arrangement was that they were to be delivered to me at Silva's Hardware Store, Santa Fe St., El Paso, but later on Silva informed Nate Cordova, who informed me, that the guns were to be delivered at the home of his brother Jose Silva in Kern Place, where he received the guns on one Sunday night, of which I do not remember the date, in the garage at Jose Silva's house.

I had nothing to do with the transportation of these three guns from Juarez and I do not know how they were brought over here.

I did not give the above additional information in my original written statement for the reason that I did not wish to involve Nate Cordova, my cousin, in this matter. But as I understand that Nate Cordova has related the facts in this matter, it is my desire to do so also.

(5) J.H. Stockmayer,

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of May, 1934.

Joseph F. Nolan  
Notary Public in and for  
El Paso County, Texas.

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MR. TOLSON  
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MR. ROAN  
MR. QUINN  
MR. LESTER  
CHIEF CLERK  
MR. [unclear]

DILLINGER CASE

AGENT DONALDSON CALLED YESTERDAY ADVISING THAT ED. CLARK BELIEVED TO HAVE TALKED WITH DILLINGER AND ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO MEET AT A FARM NEAR CROWN POINT, INDIANA, THOUGHT TO BE FARM OF GENEVA AAR ON MAY 12 OR 13. INVESTIGATION CROWN POINT RESULTED IN LOCATION OF FARM. SAC CONNELLEY ADVISED BY TELEPHONE AND ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE TO SECURE COOPERATION STATE POLICE TO KEEP FARM COVERED. CONTACT MADE TODAY WITH WIFE OF STANTON J. RANDALL, AN ASSOCIATE OF BABY FACE NELSON; PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING CONTACTS OF NELSON. INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED [CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [REDACTED] CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN NELSON AT VARIOUS PLACES IN CHICAGO. AGENT FREQUENTED THESE PLACES UNDER COVER BUT FAILED TO DEVELOP INFORMATION CONCERNING NELSON.

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Minneapolis Minnesota dated May 6 7 p.m.

Dear Mr. Ford -

I want to thank you for building the Ford V-8  
as fast and as sturdy a car as you did, otherwise I would not  
have gotten away from the coppers in that Wisconsin Minnesota,  
case.

Yours till I have the pleasure of seeing you.

John Dillinger

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This is the letter received by Mr. Ford, as taken over  
the telephone by Mr. Egan.

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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER

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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT ST. PAUL

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FOLLOWING LETTER POSTMARKED MINNEAPOLIS MINNESOTA

MAY SIXTH SEVEN PM RECEIVED BY MR HENRY FORD QUOTE DEAR MR FORD

I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR BUILDING THE FORD VIKING AS FAST AND

AS STURDY A CAR AS YOU BUILT OTHERWISE I WOULD NOT HAVE GOTTEN

AWAY FROM THE COOPERS IN THAT WISCONSIN MINNESOTA CASE YOUNG

TILL I HAVE THE PLEASURE OF MEETING YOU JOHN SELLINGER WISCONSIN

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Suite L  
Federal Building  
Kansas City, Missouri.  
May 10, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.



Dear Sir:

RE: JOHN DILLINGER, with aliases - FUGITIVE  
I O 1217,  
ET AL  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

Kindly refer to Division letter dated April 18, 1934, attaching copies of a letter dated April 11, 1934, received by the Division from A. C. Thomas, Manager of Radio Station WJAG, Norfolk, Nebraska, together with a photostatic copy of enclosure requesting to be furnished with seventy-five copies of Identification Order No. 1217 on John Dillinger.

You are respectfully advised that, pursuant to Division instructions in the above mentioned letter, Special Agent J. R. Green made inquiries at Norfolk, Nebraska, relative to the organization operated by Mr. Thomas, and the results of those inquiries are set forth hereinafter in a memorandum submitted by Special Agent Green.

The Division is also respectfully advised that an appropriate supply of Identification Orders on John Hamilton, I O 1220, and Homer Van Meter, I O 1222, was also furnished Mr. Thomas. He was also furnished with a copy of the Identification Order on Clyde Champion Barrow, pursuant to a request received at this office from him.

The above mentioned memorandum by Agent Green reads as follows:

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MEMORANDUM.

"In accordance with letter of S.A.C. E. E. Conroy of April 26, 1934, I made following inquiry at Norfolk, Nebraska, this date.

Theodore W. Mueller, Postmaster, advised that WJAG Radio Station was owned and operated by the Norfolk Daily News of which Gene Huse is owner and publisher, and that the management of aforesaid station is under A. C. Thomas, who for sometime has been operating what is known as a Boys Detective Club, for the purpose of cooperating with all Law Enforcement Agencies; that Gene Huse and A. C. Thomas bear a splendid reputation at Norfolk and in that section of the State; that the motives of the latter in the organization and operation of the Boys Detective Club are considered above reproach; that in this way, he expects and hopes to interest the better class of boys of being of assistance to Law Enforcement Agencies and Public Officials, and becoming a high type of citizen; and that this organization is highly regarded in the community.

Forest Lear, Referee in Bankruptcy, also Receiver of the First National Bank of Norfolk, informed that WJAG Radio Station at Norfolk had been under the above management and ownership for several years; that Gene Huse, its owner, would not tolerate anything but what was right and for the best interest of the community in its management; that the Boys Detective Club, organized by Manager A. C. Thomas of WJAG, is a highly reputable organization and is doing a splendid work; that Mr. Thomas is a very capable and efficient man, and is keeping this organization of boys well under control.

C. E. Blatt, Chief of Police of Norfolk, stated the work of Mr. Thomas's Boy Detective Organization, which extended over Northeast Section of Nebraska, was largely one of observation and training the boys to be on the alert; that they were of great assistance to the town marshals in the smaller towns, who generally were street commissioners, in charge of water plant and with many other various duties, or were merely Night Watchmen and had little chance for observation of what was going on; that the State Sheriff's office at Lincoln, Nebraska, was cooperating with Mr. Thomas as well as himself and that this organization had already justified its existence and rendered considerable assistance to Law Enforcement officers.

J. B. Owens, with the Bureau of Industrial Alcohol, Treasury Department, stationed at Norfolk, confirmed the above information, stating that the Boys Detective Club is not a snooping or nosy organization, but one of assistance in law enforcement and that these boys would observe and secure valuable information, which the small town officer would never get.

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The package of Identification Orders and photographs, as described in reference letter, arrived at Norfolk about 1:45 a.m. and after making the above inquiry were turned over to Manager A. C. Thomas at his office in the Daily News Building. He was very appreciative of the same. He stated he had about 84 boys who were members of his Boys Detective Club, there being only one to the town; these boys being between 14 and 16 years of age; are considered of the highest type; given a rigid investigation and being endorsed by School Superintendents or the leaders of their communities in which they reside before being appointed.

Mr. Thomas stated he would greatly appreciate it, if he could be supplied with all circulars and information which are mailed by the Division to law enforcement officers, i.e., be on our regular mailing list, so that he could use this information and pass it on to his Boy Detective Club; that the boys were especially good in observing license plates on automobiles, and if at any time the Department sent out information concerning wanted cars or license plates to be watched for to law enforcement agencies, he would be pleased to receive same, and that no information would be publicly used except that which was desired by the Division.

This Agent was impressed with Mr. Thomas's apparent sincerity and desire to be of assistance to the Division in securing information which would lead to the apprehension of wanted men. The code orders which he largely uses are those which direct them to pass on the information they secure or which is given over the radio to their town marshal or to the sheriff of their county. Agent furnished Mr. Thomas with the address of the Kansas City Division office.

J. R. Green  
Special Agent."

Very truly yours,

  
E. E. CONROY,  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 8, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COWLEY.

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Reference is made to the attached identification orders Number 1223, Lester M. Gillis and 1224, Thomas Leonard Carroll, which have attached to them a routing slip from the Identification Unit calling attention to certain errors.

The comment of the Identification Unit with reference to Identification Order 1223 is that it has no record of fingerprints from the Police Department at Chicago, Illinois and that the number 5437 is the number of the State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois. Prior to the preparation of this identification order a memorandum was requested of the Identification Unit containing all available information from its records which memorandum reflects that George Nelson, #5437, was received at the State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois, July 17, 1931; crime - robbery; sentence - one year to life; escaped February 17, 1932. The Identification Unit did not have a good photograph of Gillis, alias Nelson, in view of which I requested the Chicago Office by telephone to obtain a photograph from either the Chicago Police Department or the State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois.

Under date of April 24, 1934 a teletype message was received from the Chicago Office advising that Lester Gillis, as George Nelson, 5437, was arrested by the Police Department, Chicago, Illinois, January 15, 1931; charge - robbery; sentence - one year to life and that he escaped from the State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois, February 17, 1932. I noted at the time that the Chicago Police Department number as furnished by the Chicago Office was 5437 and the State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois number was the same. I called Mr. Guinane at the time and requested him to again check his records to verify the State Penitentiary number. Mr. Guinane advised me that the records reflected that the State Penitentiary Number 5437 was correct. It, therefore, appears, although it seems unlikely, that both numbers are the same.

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The notation on the routing slip concerning Identification Order 1224 is to the effect that the records of the Identification Unit reflect the police number of Carroll when he was arrested by the Police Department at Saint Louis, Missouri on August 11, 1925 to be 22166, which appears on the Identification Order as 22165. In this connection it appears that the number appearing on the Identification Order is in error and was made by me while drawing up the original draft prior to its being typed in the Stenographic Pool. I am inclined to believe that I saw this number appearing in the file in one instance as 22165. However, since this has been called to my attention, I have been unable as yet to locate it.

The comment is made by the Identification Unit that its records reflect that Carroll, under Number 36697 was received at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, June 1, 1930 under sentence of 21 months. The memorandum submitted by the Identification Unit at the time of the preparation of the identification order does show a sentence of 21 months rather than two years. However, the Division conducted the investigation of the violation for which Carroll was sentenced which is reported in Division File 26-10835. There appears in this file a report of Special Agent C. E. Breniman dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, July 26, 1930 which reflects that Carroll under the name of Frank O'Slone entered a plea of guilty at Tulsa, Oklahoma on May 28, 1930 and was sentenced to four years in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, which sentence was then modified to two years. Since the two years sentence was reflected in the investigative file, it was used on the identification order rather than the 21 months sentence. It is noted that a suggestion is offered that the criminal record be checked by the Identification Unit by posting before identification orders are issued in future cases. It may be stated that such procedure will undoubtedly eliminate conflicts between the identification orders and the information appearing in the files of the Identification Unit and probably some errors. However, in practically every case in which identification orders are requested, time is of the essence and after an abstract of the criminal record is received from the Identification Unit, it is necessary for the Supervisors preparing the Identification Order to either telephone or telegraph the field offices to complete the records.

-Respectfully,

*T. N. Stapleton*

T. N. Stapleton.

IDENTIFICATION UNIT

Date Feb 1934

From: Posting

To:

Mr. Edwards ✓

Mr. Schilder Re: I O #1224, Thomas Leonard Carroll.

Asst. Chief Another I O come to grief  
Circles indicate that we do

Assembly not have criminal record  
quoted(dispositions missing)

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in our jacket carries no.

Posting 22166, rather than 22165 as  
quoted. Our print #36597

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on I O. Please return I O

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as same has not been posted

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# IDENTIFICATION

ORDER NO. 1224

April 25, 1934.

## WANTED

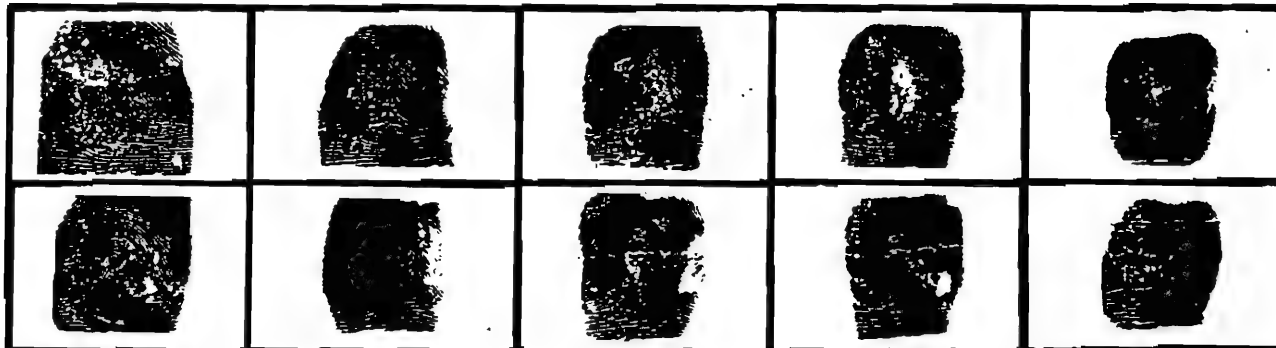
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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THOMAS LEONARD CARROLL, with aliases TOM CARROLL, JAMES ROY BROCK, JIM BROCK, FRANK SLOAN, FRANK SLOVE, GEORGE McLARKEN, J. C. McLARKEN, THOMAS MURPHY, THOMAS MURRAY.



## DESCRIPTION

Age, 37 (1923); Height, 5 feet 10 inches; Weight, 166 pounds; Build, medium; Hair, dark chestnut; Eyes, light blue; Complexion, medium; Scars and marks, 12 cuts upper; 1 arm. II Sev pit scars upper r arm; III prom scar on r lower jaw bone; scar on neck front; furrow upper lip; brows heavy and dist; scar center back of neck in hair; mouth turns to right.

## RELATIVES:

Mrs. Sally Carroll, wife,  
3242 Booth 16th Avenue,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

*Tom Carroll*



## CRIMINAL RECORD

As Thomas L. Carroll, #4497, arrested Police Department, Omaha, Neb., Jan. 29, 1920; charge, investigation; sentence 60 days County Jail;  
As Tom Carroll, #52, arrested Sheriff's Office, Council Bluffs, Iowa, Oct. 24, 1921; charge, larceny; sentence 5 years;  
As Tom Carroll, #9912, received State Reformatory, Anamosa, Iowa, Feb. 8, 1922; crime, larceny; sentence 5 years; served 13 months - paroled;  
As Thomas Carroll, #13258, arrested Police Department, Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 21, 1924; charge, robbery; dismissed Dec. 10, 1924;  
As James Roy Brock, #22165, arrested Police Department, St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 11, 1925; charge, suspicion-robbery; released Aug. 15, 1925, insufficient evidence;  
As Tommy Carroll, #5434, arrested Police Department, St. Joseph, Mo., Aug. 16, 1926; charge, larceny of auto; released;  
As Frank Slove, #1274, arrested Sheriff's Office, Tulsa, Okla., Sept. 19, 1926; charge, investigation-concealed weapons; released to Police Department St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 29, 1926;

As Tommy Carroll, #5434, arrested Police Department, St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 29, 1926; charge, bank robbery; acquitted Jan. 11, 1927 - turned over to U. S. Marshal, Kansas City, Mo., and released on \$7500 bond.  
As Tom Carroll, #31266, received State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Mo., April 1, 1927; crime, robbery-1st degree; sentence 5 years;  
As Frank Sloan, #1274, arrested Sheriff's Office, Tulsa, Okla., May 21, 1930; charge, Dyer Act; sentence 2 years;  
As Frank Sloan, #36687, received U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, June 1, 1930; crime, Dyer Act; sentence 2 years;  
As Thomas Carroll, #23879, arrested Police Department, St. Paul, Minn., May 17, 1933; charge, investigation; released on bond June 12, 1933.

Thomas Leonard Carroll is wanted in connection with the murder of W. Carter Baum, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, near Rhineland, Wisconsin, on April 23, 1934.

Carroll is also wanted for the murder of a police officer at San Antonio, Texas, December 11, 1933.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to the nearest office of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

If apprehended, please notify the Director, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the office of the Division of Investigation listed on the back hereof which is nearest your city.

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Issued by: J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR.



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Date 5-1- 1934

From: Posting

To:

✓ Mr. Edwards

✓ Mr. Schilder Re: I O #1223, Lester M. Gillis. Error has been made in preparing this I O. We have no print from PD Chicago, Ill. #5437 is the number of the SP at Joliet, Ill. Am showing arrest of subj. at Chicago on 1-15-31 does not appear in our jacket.

Posting in this connection, I

Recording should like to again offer

S.F.P.S. the suggestion that the

Stenographers criminal record be checked

by posting before the I O

is issued, in future cases.

I believe that the Div file

Name should be reviewed for any

Technical additional criminal record,

and if same be found, that

Typing it be entered in our records

before the I O goes to the

Messengers: field. We have made errors

in quoting criminal records

on several recent I O's.

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See me

Bring file to me

**IDENTIFICATION  
ORDER NO. 1223**  
April 25, 1934.

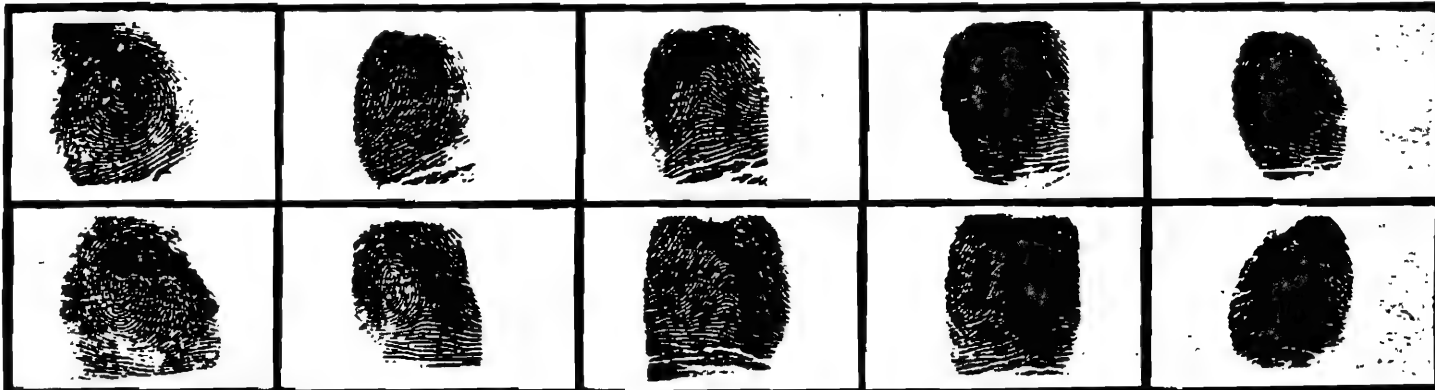
**DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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WASHINGTON, D. C.**

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**WANTED**

**LESTER M. GILLIS, with aliases GEORGE NELSON, BABY FACE NELSON,  
ALEX GILLIS, LESTER GILES, "BIG GEORGE" NELSON, "JIMMIE".**

**MURDER**



**DESCRIPTION**

Age, 25 years  
Height, 5 feet 4 1/2 inches  
Weight, 133 pounds  
Build, medium  
Eyes, yellow and gray slate  
Hair, light chestnut  
Complexion, light  
Occupation, oiler

**RELATIVES:**

Mrs. Mary Gillis, mother,  
5516 South Marshfield St.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Helen Gillis, alias  
Mrs. Helen Nelson, wife,  
148 North Mayfield,  
Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Juliette Fitzsimmons, sister  
5516 South Marshfield St.,  
Chicago, Ill.



*George Nelson*

**CRIMINAL RECORD**

As George Nelson, #5437, arrested  
Police Department, Chicago,  
Illinois, January 15, 1931;  
charge, robbery; sentence,  
1 year to life;

As George Nelson, #5437, received  
State Penitentiary, Joliet,  
Illinois, July 17, 1931; crime,  
robbery; sentence, 1 year to  
life; escaped February 17, 1932.

Lester M. Gillis is wanted for the murder of W. Carter Baum, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, near Rhineland, Wisconsin, on April 23, 1934.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to the nearest office of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

If apprehended, please notify the Director, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the office of the Division of Investigation listed on the back hereof which is nearest your city.

(over)

Issued by: J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR.

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER

10:02AM

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT

May 11, 1934

ST. PAUL  
CHICAGO

93398

RE JOHN BILLINGER FUGITIVE EVELYN PARCENTE NEAL HARBORING  
REFERENCE IS MADE TO TELETYPE FROM ST. PAUL REQUESTING TO BE ADVISED  
OF THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF OFFICIALS WHO PHOTOGRAPHED BILLINGER  
IN ORDER THAT PHOTOGRAPHS BEING USED MAY BE POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED IN  
HARBORING CASE AT ST. PAUL. SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE BUREAU AT TUCSON  
ARIZONA HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO ADVISE ST. PAUL EXACT NAME AND ADDRESS  
OF OFFICIAL WHO TOOK PHOTOGRAPH OF BILLINGER APPEARING ON I O 1217.  
CHICAGO OFFICE SHOULD endeavor TO OBTAIN NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS  
WHO TOOK PHOTOGRAPHS OF BILLINGER APPEARING IN GROUP PICTURE WHICH WAS  
OBTAINED FROM CHICAGO TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER AND ADVISE ST. PAUL. ST. PAUL  
IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE DIVISION WHAT OTHER PHOTOGRAPHS ARE BEING USED

Hoover

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DIRECTOR AND STP OFFICE

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DILLINGER CASE SUMMARY

ON MAY 3, 1934 [REDACTED] FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, REPORTED THAT HE RECEIVED ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL STATING THAT HAMILTON, VAN METER AND ANOTHER MAN STOPPED AT HIS PLACE FROM MAY 1 UNTIL MAY 3 AND ASKED ADVICE OF [REDACTED] INFORMANT REFUSED TO FURNISH NAME AND INVESTIGATION FAILED TO LOCATE HIM. [REDACTED] CALLED TODAY STATING THAT SAME INFORMANT TELEPHONED LAST NIGHT. AGENT DEVEREUX PROCEEDED FORT WAYNE AND [REDACTED] ADVISED INFORMANT WAS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STATES DILLINGER AND VAN METER STOPPED AT HIS HOME LAST NIGHT AND DEMANDED FOOD-STAYING HOUR AND HALF. AT DEPARTURE INDICATED THEY MIGHT RETURN. HAMILTON AND VAN METER STATED TO BE DRIVING BRIGHT RED FORD MODEL A TRUCK WITH PANEL BODY RESEMBLING SMALL GROCERY TRUCK. EACH WORE BULLET PROOF VEST AND HAD MACHINE GUNS. CLAIMED THEY DROVE 700 MILES YESTERDAY. DILLINGER SAID TO HAVE TWO WOUNDS BOTH ON RIGHT INSIDE THIGH. WERE TRAVELING IN EASTERLY DIRECTION WHEN THEY LEFT. AGENTS WHITE NICHOLS AND RYAN PROCEEDED FORT WAYNE FOR PURPOSE OF REMAINING IN HOUSE OF [REDACTED] WAITING RETURN VISIT DILLINGER AND VAN METER.

MRS. SARAH COSTELLO, 2631 N. MONT CLARE AVE., CHICAGO, FOSTER MOTHER OF MARIE COMFORTI, ADVISES MARIE CLAIMED SHE MARRIED WAYNE HUETTNER AT ST. PAUL ABOUT LAST SEPTEMBER. HUETTNER IDENTICAL WITH HOMER VAN METER.

625 Lafayette Building  
Detroit, Michigan  
May 20, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

The attached letter was transmitted to this office by Sheriff Donald F. Barber of Lima, Ohio, on this date. It is being sent herewith to you in order that proper action may be taken in this connection along with other activities on the Billinger case in your district.

The Sheriff in his letter of transmittal gives no particular information regarding the writer of the inclosed letter other than to say: "This party has called on me several times regarding capture of members of the Billinger gang. You can take this letter for what it is worth."

Very truly yours,

R. H. Donaldson, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

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Encl.  
cc Division  
St. Paul  
Cincinnati

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Route 1. Gary Ind  
May 8 5 34

Dear Don

Look as if Some one Dont Stop in and Stop  
wooden gun John he will be our next Dictator

Now Don I know all the tricks to this why  
cant you and I work together and do the Real work it  
can be Done and Dont need \$2000000.00 to do it with

Just you and I and Mother and no one else  
hear write me at once and Dont fail me

Yours

Joe Verent  
R 1. Gary Ind

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**U. S. Bureau of Investigation**

**Department of Justice**

1900 Bankers Bldg.  
Chicago, Illinois.  
May 8, 1934

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MR. NATHAN	
MR. TOLSON	
MR. CLEGG	
MR. COWLEY	
MR. EDWARDS	
MR. Egan	
MR. QUINN	
MR. LEE	
CHIEF CLERK	
MR. RORER	

~~PERSONAL AND  
CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

There is attached hereto copy of  
a letter which was furnished to me by Larry Benson,  
General Superintendent of Police, Chicago, Milwaukee,  
St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Company, which he addressed  
to the Editors of all the Chicago papers on May 1,  
1934.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LESTER  
TOLSON

Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Company

Office of General Superintendent of Police

L. J. BENSON  
GEN. SUPT. OF POLICE



Chicago, Ill., May 1, 1934.

Editor,  
Chicago Evening American,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Editor:-

Your paper dated April 30th, 1934, carried an article by Leon W. Schloss, International News Service Staff Correspondent, having reference to a certain group of gentlemen desiring to form a force of volunteers for the purpose of apprehending John Dillinger.

Personally, I have the greatest confidence in the ability of J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, at Washington, D.C. and his high class personnel, also Melvin E. Purvis, Agent in Charge of the Chicago Office.

I am positive that under the direction of these gentlemen and other members of the Division of Investigation, John Dillinger will be apprehended. He is no different than any other wanted man. They are eventually apprehended and dealt with according to the law.

I have at no time considered taking any part in this investigation, having the greatest confidence in the duly authorized and constituted law enforcement officers and I feel that the Division of Investigation will shortly bring this case to a successful conclusion.

Very truly yours,

  
General Supt. of Police.

LJB/W

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P.O. Box 625,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: JOHN HERBERT BELLINGER, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. # 1417, et al,  
N.M.V.T.A., and HARBORER.  
St. Paul File No. 25-2434.

Deputy Sheriff James Leahy of Ramsey  
County, Minnesota, recently informed Special Agent E. Costello  
that SALLY BENNETT, the wife of TERRY GARNETT, who is also known  
as "RADIO SALLY", is presently employed as a singer and entertainer  
at the Red Grange 77 Cafe in Chicago, Illinois.

He further advised that in case it is  
impossible to locate SALLY at this club, she could always be  
located through MISS ANNE MAAS, 5428 Madison, Chicago, Illinois,  
who is the piano player for "RADIO SALLY".

Very truly yours,

J. E. G. 1934

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
From: UNIT #1 Room 420  
5/14 1934.

To: ☒ Director  
☐ Mr. Nathan  
☐ Mr. Tolson  
☐ Mr. Edwards  
☐ Unit Two  
☐ Unit Four  
☒ Files Section  
☐ Personnel Files Section  
☐ Equipment Section  
☐ Chief Clerk's Office  
☐ Unit Five  
☐ Identification Unit  
☐ Statistical Section  
☐ Technical Laboratory  
☐ Mr. Baughman  
☐ Mr. Cowley  
☐ Mr. Listerman  
☐ Mr. Little  
☐ Mr. Lowdon  
☐ Mr. Newby  
☐ Mr. Smith  
☐ Mr. Stapleton  
☐ Miss Gandy  
☐ Miss Finnell  
☐ Washington Field Office  
☐ Stenographic Pool  
☐ Secretary  
☐ Correct  
☐ Re-write  
☐ Re-date  
☐ See Me  
☐ Send file.

Please note name of General Agas  
in 2nd par. which appears as  
not included. This is the most important  
thing in the communication. H. H. CLEGG

325 Lafayette Building  
Detroit, Michigan

May 22, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers' Building  
Chicago, Illinois

Re: JOHN HARBERT HILLINGER, I.O. 1217, et al  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act

Dear Sir:

On the above date Detectives Herman Suttell and Fred Krenzel of the Hickey Squad, Detroit Police Department, called at the Detroit Office and supplied the following information which they had just obtained regarding this case.

They stated that they were advised by their informant that recently a letter addressed to Phil Pierce at Detroit, Michigan, was received by Pierce and signed J.D. The letter was intended for Ed Clark and was turned over to Clark by Pierce. It instructed Ed Clark to call phone number VI-8049. The city in which this phone is located is not known. It was further reported that Ed Clark did call this number and presumably talked with John Hillinger and was instructed to meet Hillinger either Saturday night, May 12, or the following day, Sunday, at the farm of Geneva Agar, a friend of Clark's, near Crown Point, Indiana. The letter in question addressed to Phil Pierce was mailed at Aston, Indiana, which is close to Indianapolis and it is the information of these officers that Hillinger was there at the time and possibly personally mailed the letter.

These officers further stated that they have learned through the same source that one of Hillinger's mob is presently confined in some penitentiary just outside of the City of Chicago suffering from an automobile accident. The extent of the injuries or character is not known, nor is the identity of this individual known.

The above mentioned officers also stated that their informant had told them that Opal Long is expecting in the very near future to make a trip to the Penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio, for the purpose of visiting Russell Clark and has instructions to take up with him a certain matter, provided she can do so without too much risk of being detected while talking to him.

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It is reported that in order to have herself admitted to the prison to see Clark she has in some manner possessed herself of the marriage license issued to Clark and his lawful wife and she proposes to present this marriage license upon calling at the prison and to pose as the lawful wife of Clark in order to gain her admittance. It is not known to these officers or their informant just what the matter is that she desires to communicate to Clark in prison.

The above information is on this date being telephoned to both the Chicago and Cincinnati Offices.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Donaldson, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

REB:HW  
66-6725

cc - Division ✓  
Cincinnati  
Mr. Clegg, St. Paul



# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Chicago, Illinois**

FILE NO. **25-2098**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Charlotte, N. C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5/12/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>5/9/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. E. HARRIS</b>
TITLE <b>JOHN DILLINGER, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 2117, et al.</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, JR., DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE</b>	

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

State Patrol Officers in North Carolina, South Carolina, as well as Police Departments in principal cities, notified regarding Ford V-8 sedan, bearing Tennessee license #176003.

## REFERENCE:

Telegram from Birmingham office, 5/9/34.



## DETAILS:

Upon receipt of reference telegram the offices of the State Highway Departments at Raleigh, North Carolina, and Columbia, South Carolina, were promptly notified concerning a black Ford V-8 sedan, bearing Tennessee license #176003, containing a man with a bandage on the left side of his face, and a red-haired woman driving the car. Through these offices all State Highway Patrolmen of North Carolina and South Carolina have been notified to be on the lookout for the car described.

## DETAILS:

The Charlotte office also notified the Police Departments in the principal cities within its jurisdiction. In each instance, a request was made that no publicity be given the matter.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>R. L. Egan</i> Acting Special Agent in Charge	62-29777-1346	RECORDED AND INDEXED MAY 14 1934
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THIS:GAS

May 11, 1934.

J.E. Patrick  
Pioneer Hotel  
Tucson Arizona

ADVISE SAINTPAUL DIRECT NAME AND ADDRESS OF TUCSON POLICE OFFICIAL  
WHO TOOK PHOTOGRAPH OF DILLINGER APPEARING ON 3 0 TWELVE SEVENTEEN

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*John Dillinger*

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EPC: KH

May 11, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated May 3, 1934, transmitting various pieces of paper material found at Little Bohemia in connection with the case entitled John Dillinger, with aliases, I.O. #2117, et al; National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

In accordance with your request, these articles have been examined in the Division laboratory and approximately twenty-five latent fingerprints have been developed thereon. Of these, two latent prints appearing on the get-away chart in the "Atlas" note-book have been identified with the left middle and ring fingers of Mrs. T. J. Randall, our file #728771.

Direct comparisons are now being carried on in connection with this matter and you will be advised immediately as to any further identifications.

Very truly yours,

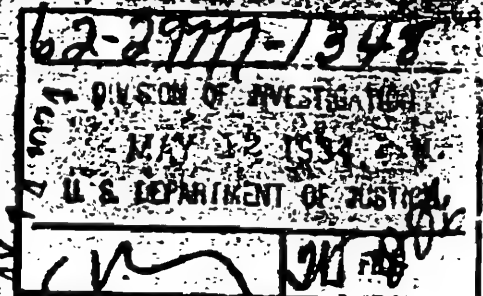
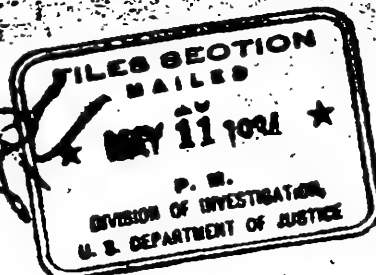
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AIR MAIL

cc - Mr. Clegg.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 8, 1934

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COWLEY

Pursuant to your request that a memorandum be prepared relative to certain discrepancies appearing in Identification Order #1220, issued by the Division on April 2, 1934, on John Hamilton, please be advised that the routing slip, dated April 27, 1934, prepared by the Posting Section of the Identification Unit, is apparently correct in that the South Bend Police Department number should be 2151 instead of 251, as indicated on the Identification Order. On April 2, 1934, Mr. Clegg instructed me to prepare an Identification Order and to have same issued on that day, and in order to meet the exigencies of the case, certain short cut methods were resorted to. Instead of preparing a memorandum for the Identification Unit requesting that information to be included on the Identification Order be furnished, I telephoned Mr. Guinane and asked him to read me over the telephone the criminal record of John Hamilton, and when this information was recorded by me, I apparently misunderstood Mr. Guinane and put down the wrong police number, 251 instead of 2151. The wrong police number appears on the rough draft prepared by me from which the original was prepared. The Identification Order contains the wording "Photograph taken March 16, 1927". When the Identification Order was being prepared, it was contemplated that the photograph taken of Hamilton on that date by the Indiana State Reformatory at Pendleton, Indiana would be used, but there was received from the Indiana State Prison authorities a better photograph of Hamilton without an indication as to when the photograph was taken, although it was apparent that it was taken some time while he was serving the sentence for which he was originally committed on March 16, 1927, and therefore, in the absence of any definite information as to when the photograph was actually taken, it was deemed advisable to leave the date line as it was, as it was already set up on the Identification Order.

It appears that these discrepancies were first called to the Division's attention through the Chicago Office of the Division by Sergeant Harold Whitner, South Bend, Indiana Police Department who fingerprinted Hamilton on March 16, 1927. It is noted that the Chicago Office in calling the attention of the Division to the discrepancies, indicates that the photograph was probably taken in 1930, whereas the Chicago Office could very easily ascertain the exact date on which the photograph was taken and advise the Division accordingly. The records of the Division do not reflect when the photograph was taken.

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Incidentally, I received instructions from Mr. Clegg to have the Identification Order #1220 issued on April 2, 1934, around 10:20/654 clock

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in the morning and at noon on that day the Equipment Section was furnished with the original draft of the Identification Order. From four to five hours are then required by the Equipment Section in preparing the zinc plate used in printing the Identification Order. The Equipment Section was requested to prepare twice the number of Identification Orders regularly prepared, and half of the order had been printed and in the mail by midnight on April 2, 1934.

It is my opinion that when all units of the Division are in one building, the preparation of Identification Orders will be materially facilitated in that it will not be necessary to obtain information by telephone; that original records of the Identification Unit can be examined by the supervisor preparing the Identification Order, and further the proof copy of the Identification Order can be immediately examined by the supervisor giving it his approval before the printing of the Identification Order is started.

The criticism of Sergeant Harold Whitner, South Bend, Indiana Police Department is well taken, and discrepancies of the nature called to the attention of the Division should not have occurred.

Respectfully,

  
R. E. NEWBY.

the print rec'd ~~in 1927~~ from the Ind. SR in M April of 1927. No action for Posting to take. Do you wish to take any? I O does not seem to have been prepared from memo furnished by us, or, at least, no copy of such a memo appears in our jacket.

wjm

your print mentioned above

dated April 1927 of notice to that already as disclose any data concerning the United States Bureau that an examination of the received Referring to fingerprint

Dear Sir:

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

# IDENTIFICATION UNIT

Date 5-7 1934

From: Posting

To:

Mr. Edwards

✓ Mr. Schilder Re: John Hamilton, I O #1220

Asst. Chief This has to do with certain discrepancies in I O #1220, which were mentioned in memo Assembly which I sent to you on a Card Index routing slip, which, in some manner, was transmitted to the Posting Fug. Supervisor of the Div. a wire was rec'd from the Chi. Div Off. setting forth the Recording correct no. of ID South Bend Ind print as #2151, rather S.F.P.S. than #251, as I O quoted it.

Our records show this print as Stenographers: #2151, hence the error was Name apparently a typographical one. It was noted that no Technical copy of memo from Ident Unit to Fug. Supervisor is in file Typing quoting crim. record for I O and it was believed that rec Messengers: was compiled by Fug Supervisor Other items mentioned in wire

Name questioned date photo of subj. was made. I states same made in 1927, while wire fixes appx date as 1930. It was noted that the photo used was the Ind SP photo. No print was rec'd from that institution at time on comm., but name subj. in that photo does not appear older than he does in photo print of Ind SR, which was made in 1927.

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# IDENTIFICATION UNIT

Date 4-27 1934

From: Posting

To: 4/2-27

Mr. Edwards

Mr. Schilder Telegram from Div Off.

Asst. Chief at Chicago, Ill. refers

Assembly to several apparent

Card Index discrepancies in I O #1220.

Posting It is correct in its

Recording assertion that the print

S.F.P.S. from the PD South Bend.

Stenographers:

Name Ind. should be #2151, not

Technical #251 as quoted. This

Typing was a typographical error

Messengers:

Name committed when the I O

was made up. Letter may.  
sent out furnished the correct no. As to  
the date the photo was taken, it is not  
possible to say from our record when the  
same was made. We used photo  
rec'd with print in 1933, however, this  
photo appears to have  
been made prior to the one appearing on

Laboratory. Any small objects requiring

for the removal of the body.  
position of the body, but also to take ph  
Notwithstanding this, it is the practice  
presence of a body or a mark on the spot  
In some jurisdictions a legal

of materials which he used, the exposure,  
other and, therefore, as an expert witness  
saw on separate paper. He also must be  
mark the negative for this purpose but sh  
photographs as the ones taken by him cover  
also be instructed to make proper notes  
ographer must be instructed as to the vi  
Not being familiar with the use of photog  
better, by using a photoflash lamp but a  
firing two or more flash bulbs at differ  
photoflash bulb is used. The effects of  
and relations are shown. Shadows are alw  
the ground glass or "finder" of the camer  
proper angle distortion will result. The  
that the work is being performed properly  
investigator to know a few facts regarding  
experience of these usually is limited in  
available, investigators sometimes employ  
If a photographer, expert in

operate any questions which may later arise  
should be photographed is that these shou  
each case. The only general statement wh  
the views to be taken. This is, of course  
are usually relied upon to use their own  
photographic evidence. As in the case of  
of the objects or scenes from the angles

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April 2, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR UNIT FOUR  
EQUIPMENT SECTION

Re: JOHN HAMILTON, with alias;  
- John Campbell.

There are transmitted herewith data for Identification Order No. 1223 to be issued relative to the above subject.

Kindly verify the fingerprint classification, and use the best available photograph appearing in the files of the Identification Unit.

Very truly yours,

Director.

IDENTIFICATION

ORDER NO. 1223

(Place date of  
issue here)

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

FINGERPRINT

CLASSIFICATION:

(12) 29 W 0 13 AMP  
19 W 0 12

WANTED:

JOHN HAMILTON, with alias,

John Campbell.

MURDER—

OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

PLACE FINGERPRINTS HERE



## DESCRIPTION

Age, 28 years (1927)

Height, 5 feet, 8 inches

Weight, 165 1/2 pounds

Build, medium stout

Hair, brown

Eyes, blue

Complexion, fair

Occupation, carpenter

and scars,

Marks, long irregular vertical scar center forehead;

Tattoo, heart and banner with initials "J.H." on left forearm,  
outer.

- right index and middle fingers amputated.

## RELATIVES

Mrs Sarah Hamilton, mother, 1700 Fourteenth Street, Sault Ste Marie, Michigan.

J. Sylvester Hamilton, brother, East Gary, Indiana.

Foye Hamilton, brother, 1705 Chestnut Street, Sault Ste Marie, Michigan.

W.G. Hamilton, brother, 2207 South Douglas Street, South Bend, Indiana.

Orville Hamilton, son, 267 East 27th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Claude M. Hamilton, brother, <sup>Mentor, Ohio.</sup> ~~6038~~ Eighteenth Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Isaac Steve, sister, 1700 Fourteenth Street, Sault Ste Marie, Michigan.

Mrs. Esther Powers, sister, 1008 East Bancroft Street, Toledo, Ohio.

Mrs. C.V. Martin, sister, 113 Louise Court, Barberton, Ohio.

## CRIMINAL RECORD

March 10, 1927.

As John Hamilton, #251, arrested Police Department,  
South Bend, Indiana; charge, auto banditry  
(bank robbery); sentence, 25 years.

As John Hamilton, #16844, received Indiana State  
Reformatory, Pendleton, Indiana, March 19, 1927;  
crime, auto banditry; sentence, 25 years;  
ESCAPED September 26, 1933, from Indiana State  
Prison, Michigan City, Indiana.



March 21, 1934

John Dillinger at

John Hamilton is wanted by <sup>the</sup> United States Marshal,  
St. Paul, Minnesota, on charges of harboring a fugitive  
and obstruction of justice incident to the escape of

Hamilton is also wanted by the Sheriff, Lima, Ohio,  
on charge of murdering Sheriff Jesse Sarber at Lima, Ohio,  
October 12, 1933.

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Alvin Karpis is wanted in connection with the kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to the nearest office of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

If apprehended, please notify the Director, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the office of the Division of Investigation listed on the back hereof which is nearest your city.

Issued by:

Director.

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**IDENTIFICATION  
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April 2, 1934.

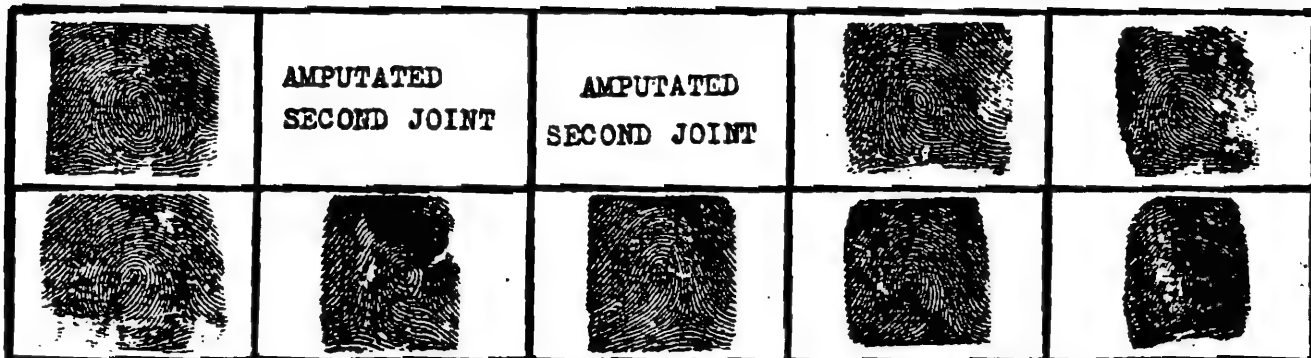
**DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.**

**Fingerprint Classification**  
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**WANTED**

**JOHN HAMILTON, with alias,  
JOHN CAMPBELL**

**MURDER - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.**



**DESCRIPTION**

Age, 28 years (1927); Height, 5 feet, 8 inches; Weight, 165½ pounds; Build, medium stout; Hair, brown; Eyes, blue; Complexion, fair; Occupation, carpenter; Marks and scars - long irregular vertical scar center forehead; right index and middle fingers amputated; Tattoo - heart and banner with initials "J.H." on left forearm, outer.

Photograph taken March 16, 1927



**CRIMINAL RECORD**

As John Hamilton, (1251) arrested Police Department, South Bend, Indiana, March 15, 1927; charge, auto banditry (bank robbery); sentence, 25 years.  
As John Hamilton, #16844, received Indiana State Reformatory, Pendleton, Indiana, March 19, 1927; crime, auto banditry; sentence, 25 years; ESCAPED September 26, 1923, from Indiana State Prison, Michigan City, Indiana.

**RELATIVES:**

Mrs. Sarah Hamilton, mother, 1700 Fourteenth Street, Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan.  
J. Sylvester Hamilton, brother, East Gary, Indiana.  
Foye Hamilton, brother, 1705 Chestnut Street, Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan.  
W. G. Hamilton, brother, 2209 South Douglas Street, South Bend, Indiana.  
Claude M. Hamilton, brother, Mentor, Ohio.  
Orville Hamilton, son, 257 East 271st Street, Cleveland, Ohio.  
Mrs. Isaac Steve, sister, 1700 Fourteenth Street, Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan.  
Mrs. Esther Powers, sister, 1008 East Bancroft Street, Toledo, Ohio.  
Mrs. C. V. Martin, sister, 113 Louisa Court, Barborton, Ohio.

*John Hamilton*

John Hamilton is wanted by the United States Marshal, St. Paul, Minnesota, on charges of harboring a fugitive, and obstruction of justice.

Hamilton is also wanted by the Sheriff, Lima, Ohio, on charge of murdering Sheriff Jesse Sarber at Lima, Ohio, October 12, 1923. Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to the nearest office of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

If apprehended, please notify the Director, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the office of the Division of Investigation listed on the back hereof which is nearest your city.

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**WANTED:**

JOHN HAMILTON, with alias,  
John Campbell

**MURDER - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE**

**PLACE FINGERPRINTS HERE**

**DESCRIPTION**

Age, 28 years (1927) (place photograph here)  
Height, 5 feet, 8 inches (date of photo here?)  
Weight, 165 pounds (place signature here)  
Build, medium stout  
Hair, brown  
Eyes, blue  
Complexion, fair  
Occupation, carpenter  
Marks and scars - long irregular vertical  
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**CRIMINAL RECORD**

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W. G. Hamilton, brother,  
2209 South Douglas Street,  
South Bend, Indiana.  
Claude M. Hamilton, brother,  
Wester, Ohio.  
Orville Hamilton, son,  
267 East 271st Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.  
Mrs. Isaac Steve, sister,  
1700 Fourteenth Street,  
Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan.  
Mrs. Esther Powers, sister,  
1008 East Bancroft Street,  
Toledo, Ohio.  
Mrs. C. V. Martin, sister,  
113 Louise Court,  
Barberton, Ohio.

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John Hamilton is wanted by the United States Marshal, St. Paul, Minnesota, on charges of harboring a fugitive, and obstruction of justice incident to the escape of John Dillinger at St. Paul, March 31, 1934.

Hamilton is also wanted by the Sheriff, Lima, Ohio, on charge of murdering Sheriff Jesse Barber at Lima, Ohio, October 18, 1933.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to the nearest office of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

If apprehended, please notify the Director, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the office of the Division of Investigation listed on the back hereof which is nearest your city.

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April 2, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR UNIT FOUR  
EQUIPMENT SECTION

Re: JOHN HAMILTON, with alias,  
John Campbell

There are transmitted herewith data for Identification Order No. 1223 to be issued relative to the above subject.

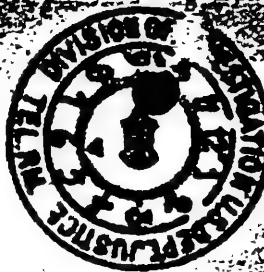
Kindly verify the fingerprint classification, and use the best available photograph appearing in the files of the Identification Unit.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 651861





CONFERENCE CALL FROM CHICAGO

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DIRECTOR AND SAC ST PAUL

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RETEL JOHN HAMILTON IDENTIFICATION ORDER 1220 SERGEANT HAROLD WHITNER  
SOUTH BEND INDIANA POLICE DEPARTMENT FINGERPRINTED HAMILTON MARCH 16  
1927 WHITNER ADVISES SOUTH BEND POLICE NUMBER OF HAMILTON IS 2151  
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16 1927 BUT PROBABLY TAKEN IN 1930

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MR. NATHAN	_____
MR. TOLSON	_____
MR. CLEGG	_____
MR. COWLEY	_____
MR. EDWARDS	_____
MR. EGAN	_____
MR. QUINN	_____
MR. LESTER	_____
CHIEF CLERK	_____
MR. ROBER	_____

*Stapleton*

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DIRECTOR

## Division of Investigation

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Washington, D. C.

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May 11, 1934

MR. NATHAN  
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MR. CLEGG  
MR. COWLEY  
MR. EDWARDS  
MR. Egan  
MR. QUINN  
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MR. ROBER

### MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Stapleton and I proceeded to 1900 H Street Northwest last night and found there, just outside of apartment #804, Mr. Waldrop, and two other newspaper men, one of whom was a camera man who had taken a picture of one of the occupants of the apartment as she was entering, and all three of them had since that time been endeavoring to get admittance, as a result of which it was difficult to persuade the occupants to permit us to enter, they being of the opinion that we were newspaper men. However, after some time we were able to persuade them to come to the door and look at an identification card which we pushed under the door, after which they permitted us to enter.

It developed that the apartment — 804 — is occupied by: Miss Dorothy Dow, who has been employed at the White House since September of 1933, prior to which time she was employed in the General Land Office of the Department of the Interior. Her home residence is LaCrosse, Wisconsin; Miss Eugenia Miller, who has been employed in the General Land Office of the Department of the Interior since October of 1929. Her home residence is Santa Fe, New Mexico, and Miss Marion Thwing, who has been employed at the War Department for the past four years. Her home is at LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

Miss Dow stated that her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Spencer, with a friend, Joe Schneider, who reside at Wausau, Wisconsin, left Wausau shortly after the shooting at Little Bohemia en route to Bayfield, Wisconsin and stopped at the Little Bohemia Club for a few minutes to get a few drinks, at which time her sister and brother-in-law entered into a conversation with Wanetka, who advised that he was coming to Washington; that upon his advising to this effect, her sister, Mrs. Spencer, stated that she had a sister here and that if Mr. Wanetka cared to have her do so that she would give him a letter of introduction to her, which she did, and upon Wanetka's coming to Washington, last Monday, he called her and was with her on Monday and Tuesday night. Monday evening they spent their time at the Maryland Club Gardens; that Wanetka was in Washington as a result of receiving an invitation from Henry L. Dougherty to attend a reception and dinner

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given by the President Wednesday night in honor of the Chairman of the President's birthday committees; that Wanetka was Chairman of the committee in his locality.

The two girls living with Miss Dow also met Wanetka on this trip. All three of them, however, stated, that they had never seen him before and had never known Dillinger or any of his associates; that while Wanetka was here he talked to them about Dillinger and his associates and stated that he was leaving here for Madison, Wisconsin, where he had been subpoenaed as a witness in the case against the girls who had been arrested at the Little Bohemia Club.

I think these girls were all telling the truth. They seemed to talk very frankly, and there was no indication that they were telling falsehoods. They apologized for refusing us entrance, but seemed sincere, and they were probably justified in refusing us entrance in view of the fact that these newspaper men had been parked at the entrance of their apartment for some time for the purpose of obtaining an interview and photographs.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley



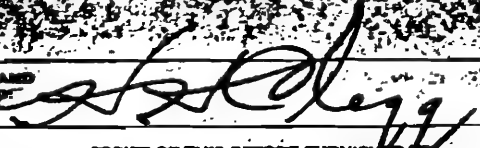
**DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Chicago, Illinois.**

**St. Paul**

FILE NO. **25-2434**

REPORT MADE AT <b>St. Paul, Minn.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5-10-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4/17/34 to 5/8/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>D. L. Nicholson</b>
TITLE <b>JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER with aliases - FUG. I.O. 1215; JOHN HAMILTON with alias - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1220; EVELYN FRECHETTE with aliases;</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>RAIL. MOT. VEH. THEFT ACT; HARBORING FUG. FROM JUSTICE</b>	
MRS. BESSIE GREEN with aliases; HOMER VAN METER with aliases, I.O. 1222; SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>ALBERT W. REILLY with aliases, I.O. 1225;          LESTER M. GILLIS with aliases, I.O. 1223;          THOMAS LEONARD CARROLL with aliases - FUGITIVE,          I.O. 1224, et al.</b> Synopsis: Subjects BESSIE GREEN, EVELYN FRECHETTE, DR. C. E. MAY, MRS. AUGUSTA SALT, HOMER VAN METER, JOHN HAMILTON, and PAT REILLY indicted Federal Grand Jury, St. Paul, Minn., eota, on April 28, 1934, the indictment charging conspiracy to harbor JOHN DILLINGER, a fugitive from justice. WALLACE SALT, son of MRS. AUGUSTA SALT, identified EVELYN FRECHETTE and photograph of JOHN DILLINGER as being occupants of his mother's apartment at 1835 Park Avenue, Minneapolis, Minn., eota, from March 31, 1934, to April 4, 1934. PATRICIA YOUNG alias PATRICIA CHERRINGTON identified as purchaser of clothes at Young-Ginlan Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota. BESSIE GREEN admits renting apartment No. 305, 23-25 South Lexington Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, for JOHN DILLINGER and EVELYN FRECHETTE.			
DETAILS: REFERENCES: Summary report of Special Agent D. L. Nicholson, dated 5-8-34 at St. Paul, Minnesota.			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: 	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	<b>62-29777-1357</b>	RECORDED AND INDEXED <b>MAY 12 1934</b>
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**DETAILS:**

On April 28, 1934, the Federal Grand Jury, St. Paul, Minnesota, returned an indictment against BESSIE GREEN, EVELYN FRECHETTE, DR. G. E. MAY, MRS. AUGUSTA SALT, HOMER VAN METER, JOHN HAMILTON, and PAT REILLY, charging conspiracy to harbor JOHN DILLINGER, a fugitive from justice. JOHN HAMILTON, HOMER VAN METER, and PAT REILLY have not as yet been apprehended. BESSIE GREEN was arraigned in the United States District Court at St. Paul, Minnesota, May 8, 1934, and entered a plea of guilty, and in default of bond in the amount of \$25,000.00, was remanded to the Ramsey County Jail to await sentence.

DR. G. E. MAY was arraigned on April 29, 1934, and entered a plea of not guilty, and in default of bond in the amount of \$30,000.00, was remanded to the Ramsey County Jail to await trial. On May 1, 1934, this bond was reduced to \$20,000.00; however, DR. MAY has been unable to make this bond.

MRS. AUGUSTA SALT was arraigned in the United States District Court at St. Paul, Minnesota, on April 29, 1934, and entered a plea of not guilty, and in default of bond in the amount of \$30,000.00, was remanded to the Ramsey County Jail to await trial. On May 1, 1934, MRS. SALT'S bond was reduced to \$20,000.00, which she has been unable to make.

EVELYN FRECHETTE was arraigned in the United States District Court on May 1, 1934, and entered a plea of not guilty, and in default of bond in the amount of \$30,000.00, was remanded to the Ramsey County Jail to await trial. On May 3, 1934, her bond was reduced to \$35,000.00, which she has been unable to make.

The date of trial for the case against DR. G. E. MAY, MRS. AUGUSTA SALT, and EVELYN FRECHETTE has been set for May 15, 1934.

MRS. VEE CLANCY, in care of Young-Quinlan Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota, when subpoenaed before the Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, was taken to the Ramsey County Jail where she viewed EVELYN FRECHETTE and stated that EVELYN FRECHETTE was not the individual who had purchased a coat which had been found by Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni in apartment No. 505, 93-95 South Lexington Avenue. MRS. CLANCY subsequently identified the photograph of PATRICIA YOUNG alias PATRICIA CHERRINGTON alias PAT CHERRINGTON as being the individual who purchased this coat.



HARBORING IN MINNEAPOLIS

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents George J. Gross and M. F. Burley:

On May 8, 1934, agents were instructed by Inspector H. M. Pugh to proceed to Minneapolis and to procure statements from the sons of MRS. AUGUSTA SALT.

Agents proceeded to 151 East 14th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and upon investigation, it was determined that the SALT family no longer reside in this apartment house. Agents likewise proceeded to 1835 Park Avenue where MRS. SALT formerly resided, but investigation determined the fact that the SALT family no longer reside there.

It was ascertained that probably MRS. SALT'S sons were then residing with MRS. SALT'S daughter, MRS. AMOT, who was then residing at 1501 Second Avenue South, Minneapolis. Agents proceeded to this address and were advised by MRS. AMOT, who resides in apartment No. 303 at this address, that one of the sons, WALLACE SALT, aged 15, was living with her and that the other two sons, WALTER and LAWRENCE, aged 25 and 25 respectively, were likewise making their home with her but at that time were engaged in the business of selling newspapers on the streets of Minneapolis. MRS. AMOT was questioned as to whether or not all three of the boys made their home with the mother at the time JOHN DILLINGER was treated at 1835 Park Avenue. MRS. AMOT stated that the only son who was residing with the mother at that time was WALLACE, and in explanation of this stated that WALTER and LAWRENCE made their home with her and had lived with her for some time past.

Agents thereupon requested WALLACE SALT to accompany them to the St. Paul Division office. Here he readily identified pictures of JOHN DILLINGER as being the man who came to his mother's home on March 31st in company with a woman. WALLACE further stated that DR. MAY, whom he has known for some time, also visited his mother's home during the time that DILLINGER stayed there and that DR. MAY evidently treated DILLINGER on several occasions. WALLACE was unable to state that he had seen DR. MAY treat DILLINGER, but from the actions of his mother and DR. MAY, he felt certain that the purpose of DR. MAY'S visit was to render medical attention.

Upon being shown the picture of EVELYN FRUSCHETTE, WALLACE SALT readily identified it as the woman who had driven DILLINGER'S car to his mother's home on March 31st and who stayed in his mother's apartment during the time that JOHN DILLINGER was confined there. A signed statement



was taken from WALLACE SALT. The original and copies of which are being retained in the St. Paul file.

WALLACE SALT was then taken to the Ramsey County Jail and was given an opportunity to personally identify EVELYN FRECHETTE as the woman who accompanied JOHN WILLINGER to the SALT home.

WALLACE SALT was then driven back to Minneapolis and was released in front of his sister's apartment.

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The following is a statement furnished by WALLACE SALT, whose present address is 1501 Second Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The original of the signed statement furnished by WALLACE SALT is being retained in the St. Paul Division office file.

St. Paul, Minnesota  
May 8, 1934.

"I, Wallace Salt, 15 years of age, live at 1835 Park Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota. I make the following statement to F. W. Hurley and G. J. Gross, having been advised by them that they are Special Agents of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. I make this statement freely and voluntarily, without any threats or promises having been made to me, for whatever use might be made of same.

"John Dillinger's photograph has been shown to me and I have identified it as being a photograph of the man who came on the Saturday before Easter. He came in a Hudson with foreign license. He came in the house and he limped. The car was put in the garage by a lady whose picture has just been shown to me and who I have been told is Evelyn Frechette. My mother told me to close the door and put a lock on the garage. I locked the garage. John Dillinger had his arm around Evelyn Frechette's shoulder and started into the house. John Dillinger limped. They entered the back door to my house. They got him to bed and Dr. May came several times. I saw Dr. May enter the room where John Dillinger was kept in my house. Dr. May remained in the room where John Dillinger was kept various lengths of time, sometimes remaining only a few minutes. I noticed that Dr. May carried a medical grip with him when he entered my house.

"On several occasions, Evelyn Frechette sent me out to get newspapers, playing cards, fruit, and other articles, which I brought back to the house and which were taken into the room where John Dillinger was being kept. Evelyn Frechette gave me the money to purchase these things.

"On the day that Dillinger was brought to my home, my mother told me not to hang around the house, nor to ask any questions about this man who was being kept in the house.

"Evelyn Frechette and my mother did the cooking for Dillinger and brought the food into his room.



"The only visitors Billinger had while he remained at my house was Dr. May, whom I know very well."

"Three or four days later, Billinger left while I was at school."

(Signed) WALLACE SALT

Witnesses:

G. F. HURLEY

G. J. GROSS

b7C On April 17, 1934, at the time DR. MAY and MRS. SALT were taken into custody, there was present in MRS. SALT'S apartment a girl 22 years of age, who at that time gave her name as [REDACTED] upon whom DR. MAY was performing an abortion. She was also brought to the St. Paul Division office and furnished the following signed statement, the original of which is being retained in the St. Paul Division office file:

St. Paul, Minnesota

April 17, 1934

b7C "I, [REDACTED] age 22, residing at 2523 Grand Street Northeast, Minneapolis, Minnesota, make the following voluntary statement to G. G. Hall, whom I know to be a Special Agent of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Office 205 Post Office Building, St. Paul, Minnesota. I make this statement knowing full well that it might be used in a criminal prosecution against the persons named herein and that I might be called upon to testify as a witness."

"As a result of having sexual intercourse with a young man in Minneapolis, whom I do not desire to name, I became pregnant two months ago. I told him that I was pregnant and we discussed the matter, finally deciding that I should have a criminal abortion performed upon me. He gave me the name of Dr. Clayton May, 7th Floor, Masonic Temple Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota. At about 9:00 a.m. on April 16th, I telephoned his office and inquired for Dr. May. I was told by the woman answering the telephone that he was not in but that he was expected at about 3:00 p.m., that day. She asked me what I wanted to see the doctor about, and I said that she ought to have some idea what I wanted to see him about, and she told me that she would make an appointment for me with Dr. Clayton May at 3:00 p.m., on that date. At 3:00 p.m., I called at his office and

talked to the young lady whom I describe as being about 20 years of age, with reddish hair. When I was in the office of Dr. Clayton May in the Masonic Temple Building in Minneapolis, a man came in and asked for Dr. Clayton May and was told by the young lady attendant that the doctor was in Rochester, Minnesota. The young lady attendant then asked me whether I had the money, and I asked her how much it would be to have an abortion performed, and she said \$50.00, and I replied that I had \$50.00 and would pay that much for a criminal abortion. The young lady attendant then said, "I might as well tell you the truth, Dr. May is in St. Paul, and you go to Apartment 5, 151 East 14th Street in Minneapolis and tell the lady who meets you at the door that you are the girl that I sent". The lady attendant at the office said that she would make the telephone call to Apartment 5, 151 East 14th Street in Minneapolis and that I would be expected when I got there.

"I went to Apartment 5, 151 East 14th Street, having in my possession at the time a slip of yellow paper on which the lady attendant had written the address. I have since given this slip of paper to Special Agent C. G. Hall, to whom I make this statement.

"When I arrived at Apartment 5, 151 East 14th Street, I rang the doorbell and was met by a woman whom I know as Mrs. Ladell. I said to her, "I am the girl the nurse sent", and she said, "Come in". She was making dinner at the time and receiving several telephone calls. While I was there, a man came in and talked to Mrs. Ladell, and Mrs. Ladell said, "Have your girl come up tonight".

"At 5:30 p.m., Dr. Clayton May came in and talked to me about the abortion he was to perform. He asked me whether I had the money, and I gave him \$50. He said, "You ought to have \$10.00 to pay the nurse", and I told him that I thought \$50 would take care of everything. He then said, "Well, I will give Mrs. Ladell \$10.00 and if you get the money later, you can pay me". As stated before, he came in Apartment 5, 151 East 14th Street at 5:30 in the afternoon and he immediately commenced to perform the criminal abortion on me after we had had the discussion related above.

"Dr. May placed me upon my back and put an instrument into my vagina, which instrument dilated my vagina. He then put a gauze pack into my vagina and conducted other medical work which I can not describe. The gauze that he placed in me at that time is still in me.



After he had worked on me, we (that is, Mrs. Ladell, Dr. May, and myself) had dinner. At this time I had cramps. After dinner I rested for a while and about 6:30 or 7:00 p.m., Mrs. Ladell told me to go for a walk. I walked to 14th and Nicollet in Minneapolis where I entered a theatre and saw "Roman Scandals". I returned to Apartment 6, 151 East 14th Street at about 9:30 p.m. I had rather severe cramps at this time and I retired. At about 9:30 today, April 17, 1934, I awakened and noticed that I had commenced to bleed. I stayed in the house all day. Mrs. Ladell went downtown shortly after breakfast, and before she left she asked me whether I wanted some medicine to relieve the cramps and I told her I did not.

"This evening, I was arrested with Walter Ladell, Mrs. Ladell, his mother, and Dr. Clayton May at Apartment 6, 151 East 14th Street. At the present time, the pack placed in me by Dr. Clayton May yesterday is still in me, and I have been informed that this must be removed from me within 36 hours after it was placed in me.

"I have read the above statement and it is true and correct. I sign it willingly, knowing full well that it can be used against me or others named herein in a criminal prosecution.

(Signed) [REDACTED]

Witnessed:  
O. G. HALL, Sp. Agt., Div. of Invest.,  
U. S. Dept. of Justice,  
Room 203 P. O. Bldg.,  
St. Paul, Minn.

After this girl had furnished the above statement, she was turned over to MRS. BLANCHE JONES, Lieutenant of the Women's Bureau, Minneapolis Police Department. MRS. JONES, on April 22, 1934, advised by letter that this girl's real name is [REDACTED] and that she resides at 359 Twenty-third Avenue Northeast, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

On April 30, 1934, DOLORES SMART, who prior to the arrest of DR. MAY was DR. MAY'S girl friend, was brought to the St. Paul Division office by Special Agent O. G. Hall and she furnished the following signed statement, the original of which is being retained in the St. Paul Division office files:

"St. Paul, Minnesota.

"My name is DOLORES SMART and I have been married and have not been divorced.

"About August 1, 1933, I first became acquainted with Dr. May of Minneapolis, whose office is 512 Masonic Temple Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Some time after becoming acquainted with Dr. May, I went to Chicago and later returned to Minneapolis about the middle of November, 1933. Shortly thereafter, I obtained a room at the Dyckman Hotel in Minneapolis. Dr. May paid my room rent at this hotel. Dr. May would spend the nights with me at this hotel, and likewise later at the Admiral, the West, and the Ritz Hotels in Minneapolis. He would be with me practically every night although about every other night he would leave me and go apparently to his home. Dr. May paid for my room rent at each of the above named hotels.

"On the night of March 31, 1934, I expected Dr. May as I had a date with him. He did not call for me, however, until about eleven o'clock. He told me after he arrived that he had made \$500 that night. After he called for me at the Ritz Hotel, where I was then living, we went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Green at 5300 Fremont Avenue South, Minneapolis. Dr. May entered the apartment of the Greens first and introduced me to Eddie Green and to Beattie Green. Dr. May and Eddie Green engaged in some conversation, although I overheard Eddie Green tell Dr. May not to let her know about it. I did not subsequently inquire as to what they were talking about.

"While in the apartment of Eddie Green, I saw some guns on the floor in the bedroom, and at least one of them I believe to be a machine gun as I saw a round drum in the pile of weapons.

"A few days later, I did not hear from Dr. May and I called him at his office and at his home but was told that he was not at either place. About the 12th of April, 1934, however, Dr. May came to see me at the Roberts Apartments, 231 Oak Grove Street, Minneapolis, and told me that he was hiding out and not going to his home or his office as he feared the officers would arrest him because of his connection with Eddie Green. He at no time indicated that he feared that gangsters would shoot him and he never stated in my presence that he feared any members of any gang and he did not discuss his business with me.

"I do hereby make this statement freely and voluntarily, knowing that it is being made to an officer of the Federal Government.

"Signed this 30th day of April, 1934.

Witnesses:  
H. H. CLEGG, Inspector  
O. G. HALL, Sp. Agt."

(Signed) DOLLORES SMART



Re: HARBORED FUGITIVE IN MINNESOTA

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent P. J. [redacted]

At the suggestion of Inspector E. J. GLINN, the writer on May 5, 1934, interviewed EVELYN FRECHETTE for approximately four hours at her quarters in the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota. In the course of the conversation with EVELYN FRECHETTE, she advised that she met JOHN DILLINGER approximately one year ago in Chicago through a mutual friend. She stated that some time later it came to her knowledge that he was a fugitive but that she continued to accompany him on various trips throughout the Middle West.

She stated that she is very deeply in love with him and intended to marry him some day.

She further advised that she was with DILLINGER at Tucson, Arizona, and described the arrest there of DILLINGER and his associates.

She stated that shortly after March 1st, she accompanied DILLINGER to St. Paul, Minnesota, from Chicago, and that she resided with him in an apartment located at 95 South Lexington Avenue, under the name of MRS. CARL HELLMAN. She advised that during the day, DILLINGER remained in the apartment but that she frequently made trips for purposes of buying newspapers, and the ordinary necessities of life. She further stated that on more than one occasion, she accompanied DILLINGER to a neighborhood theatre in the evening. She stated that at that time, DILLINGER was in possession of a Ford Sedan, 1934 model; that she frequently drove it about St. Paul. Approximately on the 29th or 30th of March, a Hudson Sedan was placed in the garage rented in conjunction with the renting of the apartment and that the Ford was removed.

EVELYN FRECHETTE advised that on the morning of March 31st, she and DILLINGER were in bed; that they were not asleep but were talking, when she heard a rap on the door, and on opening it, she noticed a stranger man whom she refused to allow to enter the apartment. She stated that because of the attitude of this man, she and DILLINGER agreed that he was probably an officer; and that she told this individual that he would have to wait a few minutes while she got dressed; that she and DILLINGER immediately dressed and that before leaving the apartment, DILLINGER took a machine gun and fired it a number of times through the door and told her to follow him, which she did. When they got to the ground floor, she went to the garage, took out the Hudson Sedan mentioned above; that DILLINGER got into the back seat and that she drove to an apartment located in either Minneapolis or St. Paul and there

made arrangements with JOHN GREEN to have DILLINGER treated for a wound which he had received in the shooting referred to above. She stated that during the afternoon she took a drive in the Hudson sedan on the outskirts of the city of St. Paul.

When questioned as to whether or not she knew that DILLINGER was a Federal fugitive, she stated that she had often felt that it was too bad that JOHN had transported Sheriff Holley's car from Indiana to Illinois, and further amplified these remarks with the following statement: "It is too bad that Crown Point was not in Illinois." She stated that she knew that interstate transportation of a stolen automobile is a Federal offense. She even went as far as to say that she knew it was the Ryan Act. The conversation proceeded further along these lines.

EVELYN FRECHETTE admitted that she bought papers every day while residing in the apartment with DILLINGER and read them herself. She readily admitted that she knew DILLINGER was a fugitive, and when questioned as to whether or not she knew he was a Federal fugitive, she stated, "Well, maybe I knew it and don't remember now."

EJD:HVS



The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T.J. Dodd, on May 3, 1934:

County Attorney Michael Kinkaid, St. Paul, Minnesota, called the St. Paul Division Office on April 30, 1934, and advised that he had information concerning ER. MAY'S connection with EDIE GREEN.

On May 3, 1934, this agent interviewed County Attorney Michael Kinkaid and was advised that in 1928 EDIE GREEN was tried for robbery in the District Court, St. Paul, and that, at that time, ER. MAY testified as an alibi witness in GREEN'S behalf to the effect that, at the time the aforementioned robbery was committed, he, MAY, was treating GREEN for tonsillitis in the La Salle Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota. GREEN was convicted, however, on the charge and was sentenced to the State Penitentiary at Stillwater, Minnesota.

An examination of the records in the clerk's office, located in the county building, reflects that Judge Sanborn, present Federal Judge in this district, was the presiding Judge in that case; State District Judge O'Brien of St. Paul was the county attorney at that time; MR. CHRONWALD, present clerk, was also clerk at that time. The synopsis in the clerk's office briefly shows that GREEN was convicted and briefly outlines the testimony as stated above.

It is believed that this information is valuable inasmuch as it shows an early connection between ER. MAY and EDIE GREEN. It was further noted that in the course of the conversation with Mr. Kinkaid the writer was advised that a man by the name of O'LAUGHLIN was connected with the same robbery and that he was wounded and was treated by DR. MORTENSON, at that time. Mr. Kinkaid further advised that DR. MORTENSON testified in O'LAUGHLIN'S behalf, as a defense witness, at that trial.

TJD:20

Re: HARBORING FUGITIVE IN MINNESOTA

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent John E. Brennan:

MRS. DANIAL E. COFFEY, Manager of the Lincoln Court Apartments, 93-95 South Lexington Parkway, St. Paul, telephoned to Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni and stated that she had learned that BESSIE CRKEN came to the apartment building a week before it was rented to her and talked to the janitor's wife about renting an apartment in this building but that the janitor's wife was afraid to talk about this.

Agent interviewed MRS. L. F. MEIDLINGER, wife of the janitor and caretaker of the Lincoln Court Apartments, who stated that BESSIE CRKEN had called at the Lincoln Court Apartments about a week prior to renting apartment No. 303 therein and had talked to her in the absence of MRS. COFFEY, the Manager; that she had shown BESSIE CRKEN an apartment on the third floor of 93 South Lexington and that BESSIE CRKEN made some inquiry as to the amount of furnishings that would be included in the rental; that she had shown BESSIE CRKEN both the front and the rear entrances and that no further conversation was had, and that she did not see her again until after apartment No. 303 had been rented to her by MRS. COFFEY. She further stated that BESSIE CRKEN was alone at the time and that she at no time ever saw her in company with any other person.

JEB:HVS



On the evening of May 8, 1934, MRS. BESSIE SKINNER AKA. CHASE admitted to Inspector E. H. Clegg that she personally rented the apartment at 93-95 Lexington Avenue in St. Paul for JOHN DILLINGER and EVELYN BECHTOLD.

HED:HVS



HARBORING JES, IN MINNESOTA

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent John E. Brennan:

MRS. D. E. COFFEY, Manager of the Lincoln Court Apartments, 22-24 South Lexington Parkway, St. Paul, Minnesota, turned over to the undersigned customer's receipt No. 5603-13, shop 25, S.P.No. 78, dated 3-27, covering the sale of three dresses totaling \$3.35 from the Young Quinlan Company, Nicollet and 9th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota; also customer's receipt from Hapiers Footwear Salon, 902 Nicollet Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, dated March 27, 1934, covering the sale of shoes amounting to \$11.49.

At the Young-Quinlan Company, Agent ascertained that the saleslady who sold the three dresses above referred to was FRANCES H. LAUBACH, who upon interview identified the sales slip and stated that she recalled the customer by reason of the fact that the customer came into the store late one afternoon during March in an apparently intoxicated condition and inquired for house dresses; that she sold her three and also suggested to the customer the purchase of a chemise which she also sold to this woman; that she further recalled that the woman had a large purse which she carried around open and noted that there appeared to be a considerable sum of money in it and that she called the customer's attention to this and was informed that she would not have it very long as she intended to spend it that day; that this customer stated that her husband was a bootlegger. There was no one with the woman at the time of the sale.

Photographs of EVELYN FRECHETTE and PAT OCHERRINGTON were exhibited to FRANCES H. LAUBACH who readily identified the photograph of PAT OCHERRINGTON as the customer referred to.

The sales slip in question is being placed in the St. Paul office file.

At Hapiers, Agent ascertained that the sales slip referred to above was made out by HAROLD A. ANDERSON, salesman; who upon interview stated that he had previously been interviewed by an agent of the Division regarding the shoes referred to in the sales slip and had stated that he was unable to definitely identify the customer, although he believed that the photograph of EVELYN FRECHETTE resembled her more than that of PAT OCHERRINGTON. The sales slip referred to is being placed in the St. Paul office file.

JEB:HVS

HARBORING FUGITIVE IN MINNESOTA

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. E. Brennan:

MRS. DANIEL S. COFFEY, Manager of the Lincoln Court Apartments, 93-95 South Lexington Parkway, St. Paul, Minnesota, related that MR. MURPHY D. CLEMENS, a salesman for the Jeffrey-Quest Foundry Company, Minneapolis, might possibly be able to identify the occupants of apartment No. 305 at the Lincoln Court Apartments at the time of the shooting as MR. MURPHY D. CLEMENS occupied apartment No. 310 at that time and had related to her that he had seen three of the women who stayed there.

Interview was had with MR. CLEMENS who stated that the day before the shooting, he saw three women come from apartment No. 305, two of whom were red-headed and the other had black hair; that he believed that he might be able to identify them if he saw them again.

Pursuant to an appointment, MR. CLEMENS called at the St. Paul office where he viewed photographs of various subjects in this matter, including PAT CHERINGTON, but was unable to identify any of them.

He was conducted to the County Jail where upon looking at EVELYN FRECHETTE, he stated that she "looked like" the black-haired woman he had seen but that he could not be positive of the identification because of the fact that at the time he had seen this woman, she was well-dressed and apparently had some makeup on her face, while the woman he saw at the County Jail appeared to be much darker complexioned than the woman he saw in the apartment building.

MRS. COFFEY brought her son, CHARLES COFFEY, who has previously been interviewed and whose statement is contained in the files of this case, to the St. Paul office where photographs of EVELYN FRECHETTE and PAT CHERINGTON were shown to him but he was unable to identify them as being either of the women he had seen shortly before the shooting at the Lincoln Court Apartments.

HARBORING FUGITIVE IN MINN.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent John E. Brennan:

Inquiry was made of the Circulation Department and of the delivery section of the Minneapolis Tribune, Minneapolis Journal, Minneapolis Daily Star, St. Paul Daily News, and the St. Paul Pioneer Press Dispatch as to the delivery of newspapers to MRS. A. SAULT or SAULT, or any other person at 1335 Park Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, but none of the above papers were found to be delivered to any occupants of the apartment at this address.

JKB:HVS

Special Agent John E. Brennan has obtained editions of the following newspapers from March 3, 1934, to April 15, 1934:

Minneapolis Daily Star  
Minneapolis Tribune  
Minneapolis Journal  
St. Paul Pioneer Press  
St. Paul Dispatch  
St. Paul Daily News

which contain articles concerning JOHN DILLINGER and his status as a Federal fugitive. The representatives of the various newspapers who will introduce these papers at the time of the trial will be obtained at a later date as the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, does not desire publicity along this line at the present time.

On May 7, 1934, the Chicago Division office advised the St. Paul Division office by teletype that ALBERT WHITEHALL, Legal Department, Herald & Examiner, Chicago, Illinois, would be the proper witness to introduce editions of the Herald & Examiner and testify that the editions are authentic, regular issues of the Herald & Examiner.



The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent  
J. Brennan:

Inquiry was made at radio station W.T.N., 1101 1st Ave.,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota, relative to the maintenance of copies of news  
bulletins broadcast from that station; and agent was informed that no file  
was maintained on such material as news broadcasts are more or less  
extemporaneous and are taken from notes made by members of the staff of the  
station.

At radio station K.S.T.P., St. Paul Hotel, St. Paul, agent  
obtained copies of all news bulletins broadcast from that station relating  
to the escape of DILLINGER from the Crown Point, Indiana, Jail; the flight  
and transportation of the Sheriff's car from Indiana to Illinois; and  
anything having any bearing upon the fact that he was being sought by the  
Government, copies of which news reports are hereto attached.

At radio station W.R.H.M., Minneapolis, Minnesota, agent was  
informed that this station broadcasts no news reports.

JES:HVS

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C O P Y

News ..... 7:45 AM ..... 2/3/36

Crown Point, Ind.,.... John Dillinger, the nation's able desperado, who escaped from county jail today and this afternoon was being sought throughout the midwest as banks posted heavy guards over their vaults, put the skill at woodcarving which he learned in prison to work to make his escape. He whittled a dummy pistol from wood in his cell, and used it to frighten a guard into yielding his own genuine revolver. With the revolver, Dillinger did the rest. Accompanied by a negro, he locked all deputies in a cell in the so-called escape-proof jail, took two machine guns, two deputies as hostages, stole a car in Crown Point and fled.

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NEWS ..... 10:15 PM ..... 8/4/34

Cincinnati, Ohio .... A few minutes ago Cincinnati police took up positions on highways leading to this city following a phone call from Ripley, Ohio, stating that a white man and a negro, resembling DILLINGER and YOUNGBLOOD, had stopped at Ripley and snatched a hurried meal. Other diners looked on, afraid to attempt an arrest. Police of a half dozen states tonight were searching the underworlds and watching the highways with fingers on triggers, well knowing that when and if they close in on DILLINGER and his negro companion, blood probably will be spilled. The Michigan National Guard was mobilized to supplement heavily armed guards in an effort to bottle up every possible avenue of escape. Police everywhere were warned, "This man Dillinger is a police killer! Take no chances!" Many a policeman probably kept watch with tant nerves, knowing it might be a question of the first shot. The search in Chicago brought a relentless combing of the underworld, without avail. Unverified reports variously had DILLINGER car headed for Mexico, and New York .. The killer, however, is believed to be without funds.



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NEWS ..... 10:15 PM .... 5/4/34

Crown Point, Ind....., How JOHN DILLINGER, midwest's number one desperado, could have escaped jail with only a wooden pistol carved out of a broomhandle and painted with shoe blacking, is the subject of two investigations tonight. Prosecutor Robert G. Estill of Lake County, Indiana, who planned to send DILLINGER to the chair for the murder of an East Chicago policeman, launched an inquiry. Also Governor Paul V. McNutt of Indiana directed his attorney general to investigate. Meanwhile, Mrs. Lillian Holley, sheriff in charge of the jail DILLINGER broke, took the blame for the escape. Thousands of peace officers in the middle western states were hunting for the outlaw with orders to bring him in dead or alive. The search this evening concentrated on Southern Illinois, where a man said to resemble DILLINGER bought gasoline, at Jacksonville, Ill. That, plus other reports indicated the bandit leader might be heading for St. Louis. All bridges in that region are guarded tonight by national guardsmen, and armored cars, airplanes, citizen posses have joined in the chase. Cars are being stopped night and day on the highways of Indiana, and Illinois. Chicago police are alert, on the theory that DILLINGER may return to his hideout there. Others in the gang are believed still in Chicago. St. Paul police have been guarding the Wisconsin line on a report to Chief Thomas Dahill that DILLINGER might head for St. Paul to take cover while the uproar over his escape is subsiding.

C O P Y

NEWS 10:15 PM ..... 5/5/36

Salem, N. J. .... With JOHN DILLINGER reported seen near Huntington, Pa., officials surrounded Salem County Prison with extra guards carrying rifles, guns and tear gas bombs. It was believed DILLINGER might be on his way to attempt to free prisoners held in the \$150,000 Penns Grove Bank Robbery, whereof a portion was believed to have gone to finance the killer's Crown Point escape.

Chicago ..... The mudspattered automobile used by JOHN DILLINGER in his wild flight from Crown Point Saturday was found here parked on the north-west side where it apparently had been since Saturday night. Other reports on DILLINGER continue to pour in, but none of them has proved important. Early this evening there was a flash that DILLINGER had been seen near Huntington, Pa. Authorities are checking all reports, however unreliable they seem.

C O P I

NEWS ..... INDIAN ..... 3/6/34

Crown Point, Ind. .... Deputy Ernest Hunt and Sam Cohen, 64-year old turnkey were taken in custody of the state police today and charged with assisting JOHN DILLINGER to escape. Assistant Attorney General Edward Barnes of Indiana says he finds definite evidence of malfeasance in office.

Chicago ..... Police today rushed a guard around the National Builders Bank and other banks here on a tip that JOHN DILLINGER and his gang, including the ruthless killer, John Hamilton, were planning to recoup their finances by a few

bank holdups. Machine gun squads, with members wearing bullet proof vests, cruised the northwest side constantly. It was there the automobile DILLINGER stole from Crown Point to make his escape was found yesterday, having been parked there since Saturday. Chicago police explained the apparent blunder by saying the number of the car given at Crown Point was wrong. Authorities are said to be investigating that also.

St. Paul ..... Police here looking out six machine gun bands robbed bank Sioux Falls, S.D. and shot motorcycle policeman. Loot undetermined. DILLINGER suspected but believed doubtful.



C O P Y

NEWS ..... 3/7/34

Lima, Ohio ..... If John Dillinger's gangsters, Harry Pierpont, Russell Clark and Charles Makley follow their leader's example and break jail, a nudist camp is the only possible refuge for them. Authorities today took away all their clothes. When Pierpont went to court, all he wore was a pair of trousers.

NEWS ..... 3/8/34

Chicago ..... Police today seized seven men and one woman in an auto loaded with machine guns, pistols, and false faces yesterday, charging them with being a holdup mob. At first it was thought they belonged to the Dillinger gang, and scores of police rushed to the district. Meanwhile conflicting reports of Dillinger's whereabouts circulated here. One rumor had it he was 1,000 miles away from here.

For the benefit of the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, who has not received a copy of the report of Special Agent E. B. Nicholson dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, April 22, 1934, the following interviews are set out: being interviews by Special Agent E. Dodd with EDDIE GREEN at the Ancker Hospital and an interview by Special Agent E. B. Donaldson with GEORGE SCROTH who resides at 105 Lexington Avenue South, St. Paul, Minnesota.

This investigation was conducted by Special Agent E. J. Dodd.

On April 11, 1934, I was assigned to duty of watching EDDIE GREEN at the Ancker Hospital and in drawing GREEN into conversation he asked me "Doc", do you know 'Doc' May? I answered, "No". GREEN said, "Where do you see him?" I answered, "At a spot". "That's right, he isn't in his office is he?" "Do you think I paid him too much for that job?" "How much?" "200.00".

This information was given to Inspector Clegg on that day by the writer and subsequently I contacted confidential informant in St. Paul and questioned her concerning DOCTOR MAY. She advised that DOCTOR MAY is a known abortionist, dope peddler and one who treats hoodlums. She further advised that the girl in his office is known to be very cute and will pick up anyone who attempts to get any information about MAY.

Acting on information received from her, it was learned that one GEORGE MURPHY of Minneapolis, who is bearing a grudge against MAY at this time, might be induced to put the finger on him. It is noted at this point that Agent Hall and myself spent the greater part of two nights looking for MAY at various haunts in Minneapolis; furthermore, some of this information has already been outlined in the personal and confidential memorandum given to Mr. Clegg.

It is suggested that if DOCTOR MAY is now being sought, it might be wise to contact GEORGE MURPHY for the purpose of having him locate DOCTOR MAY.

On April 8, 1934, Special Agent E. B. Donaldson interviewed GEORGE SCROTH, who resides at 105 Lexington Avenue South, and whose telephone is DAle 8679. This young man was at home on the morning of March 31, 1934, and heard the shooting which occurred in the apartment house next door at 25 1/2 South Lexington Avenue. SCROTH, on the day of the shooting, also made a

statement at police headquarters of the St. Paul Police Department. He is at this time very reluctant about giving further information and is being greatly influenced by his mother in this respect. His story, however, is that he was in the back yard when he heard the first shot and ran around to the front of his home and started to go across the front of the apartments when MRS. GOFFEY, who conducts the apartments at 33 South Lexington Avenue, opened the window and motioned for him to go back. He went back to his home and told the family that there was some shooting going on outside and then proceeded to look out the windows. He states he saw a woman dressed in black. He believes she had on a fur coat but could not swear to that. She was carrying a large black suitcase and when he first saw her, she was running from the rear entrance of the apartment and came towards the alley. He believes she stumbled and the first time he stated, he thought it was from a wound that might have been inflicted during the shooting, but upon reflection, now believes that possibly it was due to the excessive weight of a grip she was carrying. Behind the woman was a man whom he had not seen before and he states this man was carrying two guns which looked to him like machine guns. Both of these persons proceeded in a westerly direction up the alley towards a garage, several hundred feet from where he was observing them, and the woman backed the car from the garage and upon getting it in the alley, headed it west and the man got in with her and they drove away. SCROTH states he does not know the make of this car nor could he see the license numbers but is inclined to believe that it is a brand new car from its appearance. The police began to arrive about that time and he joined one of the squad cars and indicated to them which way the fugitives had fled and the squad car pursued them for several blocks when the trail was lost. SCROTH states that he then returned with the officers to the apartment house when they were convinced that it would be impossible to get track of this car and that he was present when the various officers came into the apartment and inspected the premises and removed clothing, etc., etcetera, therefrom. He further says that he observed no one in the alley at the time these people departed hastily except, possibly, a delivery truck which was entering the alley from the next street, one block distant. During the day, he made some examination of the alley in the vicinity of the garage from which the car was removed and saw some blood spots in front of this garage on the concrete walk. SCROTH advised that he was not able to give any description of the woman; that he was not close enough to observe her features and further, perhaps, because of the fact that things were happening so fast that his mind was not on details. As to the man, he is very vague as to a description of the man but believes he had on a light gray coat. He has no idea as to the man's age or other physical appearances. He was asked if he had ever seen these people in this vicinity before and he stated that he had not, as far as he knew. He also claims that he is unable to identify any photographs of the various suspects in this case, which have been presented to him for inspection.



The statement as given by this informant, in question and answer form, is being contained in the St. Paul file for this matter.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Chicago, Illinois.**



REPORT MADE AT <b>Cincinnati, Ohio.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5-11-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4-17-18-34 5-7-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>F. E. Burley</b>
TITLE <b>JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER with aliases, FUGITIVE; I.O. #1219; JOHN HAMILTON with aliases, I.O. #1220; HOMER VAN METER, with aliases, I.O. #1221; ALBERT S. REILLY with aliases, I.O. #1222; LESTER M. GILLIS with aliases, I.O. #1223; SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: THOMAS LEONARD CARROLL, with aliases, I.O. #1224 et al. Otto Mahee, former convict, Indiana State Prison, is not known to the Police or Postoffice authori- ties, Louisville, Ky. Mr. Kriel, Sr. and Junior, do not know Mahee. Latter apparently deceived Prison authorities, Indiana State Prison, in giving the name and address of Kriel, Jr. as his sponsor. Is not known at Louisville address given as his home. No police report available at Louisville.</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE. (Conspiracy to Harbor Fugitives)</b>	
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Earl Van Wagner, Chicago, Ill., dated 4-31-34.			
DETAILS: <u>AT LOUISVILLE, KY.</u>  Continued efforts were made to locate Otto Mahee, #1220 and #14330, State Prison, Michigan City, Indiana, reported to be a resident of Louis- ville, Kentucky, and an intimate friend of Subject Homer Van Meter, a fugitive in this case.  William Kriel, Senior, Manager of the Lincoln Garage, 624 South 5th Street, Louisville, stated that Otto Mahee is not known to him; that the photograph of Mahee is not that of any person known to him. Mr. Kriel em- phatically stated that neither he nor his son, William Kriel, Jr. ever sponsored such a character as Mahee. Furthermore, Mr. Kriel and his son advised that they never, at any time, sponsored a paroled criminal. Kriel, Junior, subsequently failed to recognize the photograph of Mahee. It was developed by Agent that Kriel and his son never lived at #336 West 2nd Street; that as a matter of fact, 2nd Street runs north and south; that there is no such number as 636 North 2nd Street; that 636 South 2nd Street, is occupied by several very poor transients.			
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tenants. It is not a business location. Agent was further advised by Mr. Kriel that he resides with his son at 1021 South 1st Street; that they formerly resided at 2337 South 32nd Street, Louisville.

Inquiries at 2335 South 2nd Street, Louisville, developed that Maabee is not known. The cheap rooming house at the above address is conducted by a Mrs. Sara Spear. She did not know the man. Further inquiries at 2240 East Walnut Street, Louisville, failed to locate any person who knew Maabee. Mrs. E. Hart, the lady in charge of the rooming house at 240 East Walnut Street, informed Agent and Detective William Baumgardner that Otto Maabee is unknown to her; that she has received mail addressed to Maabee at various times from some State institution in Indiana; that same had to be returned because of her inability to locate any person who knew the man. Mrs. Hart is friendly toward Baumgardner and undoubtedly told the truth. Her statements were later corroborated at the Central Postoffice, Louisville. Maabee is not known at the General Delivery Division of the Postoffice.

Mrs. Helen Garvey, 219 South Brook Street, Louisville, was interviewed inasmuch as she is the reported friend of a Mr. Joseph and Catherine L. Maabee, former tenants. Mrs. Garvey advised that the said Maabee couple are old people; that they lived with her for many years; that they moved to some town in Indiana about one year ago; that she is certain that Otto Maabee is not related to them. They have no children. Mrs. Garvey failed to recognize the photograph of Maabee as being that of any person known to her. Agent ascertained that there is no other family by the name of Maabee listed in the City Directory.

Inquiries at the Bureau of Identification and Records, Police Department, Louisville, developed that Maabee is unknown; that his fingerprints do not correspond with any other set on file at Police Headquarters. The only records of arrest involving a Maabee are those of two young South Carolina men, named Lee and Carl Maabee. Their prints do not correspond with those of Otto Maabee. Inquiries at the office of the United States Attorney and the United States Marshal, Louisville, developed that there is no file or record on Otto Maabee.

Later contacts were made with William Kriel, Sr., and his son. They have been making efforts to locate some person who might know Otto Maabee. Their efforts have been negative. The Kriels are close friends of Chief of Detectives Edward McKillop, Louisville. Kriel, Sr., is a bookmaker as well as being manager of the Lincoln Garage. He is reputed to be a man of integrity and worthy of belief.

The investigation as conducted in this instance developed that Maabee undoubtedly made false statements to the prison authorities, Michigan City, Indiana, with reference to his address in Louisville and also, as to the address of his sponsor, William Kriel, Jr. Furthermore, Maabee must have deliberately given the name of Kriel as his friend and sponsor without the knowledge and con-



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sent of Mr. Kriel; that inasmuch as the younger Kriel is not well known, and further, because Halbee gave a wrong address of the Kriel family, letters that may have been addressed to him by the authorities of the Indiana State Parole Board or Probation Officer failed to reach him. This is the opinion of every person interviewed by Agent in this connection.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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**JOHN HAMILTON with aliases - FUGITIVE; I. O. NO. 12345**  
**EDWARD J. BREWER with aliases - FUGITIVE; I. O. NO. 12345**

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Summary herein of investigative work this district has previously reported.

**REFERENCE:**

Telegram from Philadelphia Office, dated 5/10/34, and report of Special Agent Edward J. Brewer, New York City, New York, dated 5/10/34.

It is checked for information relative to the subjects of this case.

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The purchasers and dates of purchase were listed as follows:

The Dexter Bolder, Co., 28 West 43d St., New York City - 6/22/30.

J. C. Robins, 2209 - 5th Ave., Brooklyn, New York - 3/15/30.  
for Hotel Olympia.

H. A. Rankin, 410 Bank St., Ottawa, Canada - 7/15/30.

H. Miller Arts.

Johns-Stone Corp., Brooklyn, New York - 3/15/30. for Office Building.

Mr. J. C. Robins (correct spelling) informed Agent that he had no records reflecting the above purchases, but that his own recollection was that he purchased between fifty and sixty "tumbler bit key locks" from the Reading Company for installation in the Hotel Olympia at Fallsburgh, N. Y. He stated that he never saw these locks or keys as they were installed by the hotel carpenter, but believed that the keys were "bit" keys as distinguished from "cylinder" keys, a bit key being described to him as the old fashioned, long-barreled type commonly used in doors. He further advised that he believed that the Hotel Olympia had since installed the modern cylinder locks on all its doors, and is no longer using the Reading locks.

#### AT FALLSBURGH, N. Y.

Agent visited the Hotel Olympia and ascertained that there are two locks on the doors of each of the fifty-four rooms, one being a new Yale cylinder lock, and the other, the old fashioned building type, opened by a "bit" key. He had appeared on these locks in the absence of the owner, William Horowitz. Mrs. Horowitz informed Agent that the old fashioned locks were those purchased from Robins; that their use was discontinued in July of 1933, and that the Yale locks had been used since that time. She was unable to locate the keys to the old locks.

Mr. Horowitz was subsequently contacted by telephone, and verified the information that the Reading locks were of the "bit" key type. He further stated that he had originally received two keys for each of the fifty-four locks; that these keys were numbered from one to thirty-six and from one to eighteen, as



this particular master key set was composed of but thirty different keys, after which the keys were duplicated up to the desired number. He also stated that none of the keys bore other than the single number, as above, and that he now has practically all of these keys.

While at Fallburgh, before this latter information was obtained, Agent contacted Mr. J. V. Baber, Postmaster (Post Office Station at Woodridge, N. Y.), who advised that although the Fallburgh section has been somewhat of a hide-out for New York City racketeers until the past two or three years, the Olympic Hotel is one of the smaller and quieter hotels and has never catered to that type of persons; that its patrons consist entirely of Jewish families, and its owner, Mr. Horowitz, is on the local school board, and a highly respected member of the community.

At the Dexter Folder Company, Agent was advised by the office manager, Mrs. V. D. Hart, that this firm manufactures and sells printers and bookbinders machinery and maintains branch offices throughout the country. She was unable to find a record of the purchase of keys from the Reading people on Feb. 22, 1928, the date indicated, but did produce invoices dated Feb. 27, 1928, and July 7, 1928, showing respectively the purchase of three, and one master keys for use on the eight cylinder type locks on the floor of the New Pattern Storage Building at the company's factory at Pearl River, N. Y. She ascertained by telephone from the factory that each one of these four keys bears the number 123456 and also that the keys were the "cylinder" rather than the "bit" type, as above described.

Agent determined by neighborhood inquiry that the Johns-Stor Company, Inc., was a firm of general contractors formerly at 124 - 15th Street, Brooklyn, but that this firm went out of business some time in 1930. Mr. J. L. Fisher, who operates a sheet metal business next door at 126 - 15th Street, advised Agent that he was financially interested in the defunct business, and recalled that the Coles School, referred to in telegram in reference, is a public school located at Glen Cove, L. I. He recalled further that this firm built the school, but stated to the best of his recollection that the locks used on the doors were manufactured by the Corbin rather than the Reading people, he was unable to state the type of key used in these locks.

From Mr. J. W. Smith, Principal of the Pines School, Glen Cove, N. Y., Agent ascertained that the master keys are still in use on the five outer doors of the school building; that there are only three locks of the master key series, #143539, and that they were originally furnished as keys each of Nos. 145023 thru 145025, as well as three master keys bearing the series number; that these keys were distributed to the various teachers, by whom the majority have been lost, among them both keys of #145023; that from a process of elimination he believed that lock #145023 is that of the front door of the school but that he cannot state definitely, as the single lock keys have been missing for several years, the master keys now being used almost exclusively on all of the doors.

The results of the preliminary investigation in this matter were furnished the Philadelphia Office by letter of April 24th, copies of which were designated for the Division, Chicago, and St. Paul offices.

The Buffalo Office was requested by letter of May 5th to handle this matter at Ottawa, Canada, by appropriate interview with W. A. Rankin, 410 Bank Street.

Pursuant to the report of reference, it was ascertained from Mr. Staub of the Western Union Telegraph Company, that the telegram charged to the telephone of Richard W. Mooney, 2169 Himecrest Ave., Brooklyn, was sent to Albert Lundy, 1133 Wolf St., Bristol, Syracuse, N. Y., and is as follows:

"Deepest regrets to hear of James' death.

Extend my deepest sympathy.

(Sgd) Emily S.

The telegram appears to have been sent by Mrs. Mooney and is believed to have no connection with this case.

A review of the New York Office file reflects that the following items have not heretofore been set out in report form, although all vital information was communicated to the Division and interested offices as received.



On the evening of Mar. 5th Capt. Simon of the North Bergen, N. J. Police Department, telephoned the New York office to report that a light tan, 1933, Buick sedan, covered with mud and bearing North Carolina tags, stopped at the Park Gasoline Station in North Bergen and the driver who appeared to have his face artificially colored black, asked the route to the George Washington Bridge. Capt. Simon stated that he furnished this information for possible connection with this case and with the Planters' National Bank robbery at Richmond, Va. The Division was advised by letter of March 12th that in view of the indefinite nature of this information no investigation was made by the New York office.

On March 6th Mr. E. E. Newby telephonically advised the New York office that Sheriff E. J. Ives of Lake Charles, Oklahoma, had found on one Dwight Humbaugh, an Oklahoma convict, an address of John Dillinger, which was 31 So. Warren Street, Trenton, N. J. It was ascertained by Special Agent E. Sandberg that this is the address of the Vienna Restaurant operated by one Felix Dollinger, a reputable individual, and that evidently the only connection in this matter is a similarity of the surnames. This information was transmitted to the Division by letter of Mar. 7th.

On Mar. 7th Mr. W. E. A. Klenig, Schenck St., (Box 22) Kenesaw, N. Y., telephoned Special Agent G. E. Doherty at Buffalo to advise that his former brother-in-law, Thomas Talbot, of Johnstown, Pa., is alleged to have participated with one Dillinger in a Pennsylvania bank robbery some fifteen years ago, for which he, Talbot, served a term in the Western State Penitentiary, Pittsburgh, Pa. He also advised that a man named Dillinger, who closely resembled photographs of Subject, frequently visited Talbot at Johnstown six or seven years ago. The Pittsburgh office was requested by letter of March 18th to make appropriate inquiries at Johnstown, Pa. Report of Special Agent G. E. Finney, Pittsburgh, dated 4/10/34, reflects that the person believed to be Dillinger was in fact one John Dillan.

On March 27th Special Agent in Charge E. G. Harvey of the Philadelphia office telephoned the New York office to advise that one Charles Hunter, alleged to be a friend of Dillinger, had been found murdered at Elm, N. J., and requested that State



Officer E. T. Wilkins was contacted at Lancaster, Pa., to obtain such information as might be available to him. It was later arranged by telephone that an agent from the Philadelphia office would call him. The New York office was later notified by the Philadelphia office that the name of the murdered man was Joseph E. Hunter, and that nothing of value relative to Gillingham was obtained from his office. Photographs and fingerprints of this individual were received from the Philadelphia office on Apr. 5th.

Pursuant to Division letter of Mar. 23th, enclosing a key which had been mailed with a coded message from New York City to Harry Pierpont, at Lima, Ohio, and directing contact with the manufacturers of the Eagle Lock (Eagle Lock Company at Terryville, Connecticut) to ascertain whether this same is a safe deposit box key, and for whom it was manufactured, interview was had by Special Agent T. J. Connor with Mr. Otis Hough, manager of the Eagle Lock Company. Agent Connor was advised that the key was positively not a safe deposit box key for the reason that it has but two bittings, whereas a safe deposit box key has five or more; that this type of key is manufactured by the thousands, and as no record is kept of the purchasers it was impossible to furnish information helpful in tracing the key. This information was communicated to the Division by letter of April 2nd, the key being forwarded therewith.

On Apr. 6th Ray Connelley, a reporter for the Daily News, a New York City tabloid newspaper, telephoned the New York office and stated that a one-cent postcard, postmarked New York City, Madison Square Station, No. 3, 9:30 P.M., Apr. 6, 1934, and addressed to the paper, had been received. The reverse side of the postcard reads:

"Editor  
Daily News  
So they think they have me in their net.  
Wall Goba Lock. (Sgt. J. Gillingham)"

The postcard, photostat copies of which were made for the New York office file, was forwarded to the Division on Apr. 9th for the attention of the laboratory, although preliminary comparison

of the handwriting indicated that it was not written by Subject Dillinger. Division laboratory report received Apr. 21st stated the handwriting was not that of Subject. Division letter dated May 2nd advised that ten latent fingerprints which were developed on the postcard had been compared with those of Dillinger, with negative results.

Upon receipt of telegram dated Apr. 17th at St. Paul, Minnesota, from Assistant Director H. H. Clegg, requesting that steps be taken to hold occupants of Ford De Luxe Sedan, motor number 40-684515, bearing 1934 Minnesota tags, number B480-212. Special Agent Val C. Zimmer contacted Acting Capt. Cooper of the Telegraph Division, New York City Police Department. Capt. Cooper advised that at the request of the New Jersey State Police at Trenton he had that evening broadcast a telephone lookout for the car over the states of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, and Massachusetts, but agreed to repeat the broadcast over the states of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, with the request that any information obtained concerning the car be relayed to the New York Division Office collect. The Division was notified of this action by letter of Apr. 9th.

On the evening of Apr. 8th an employee of the Newark, N. J. Airport telephoned the New York office and reported the arrival of a strange plane carrying three men and two women. He stated that the plane was registered in the name of J. E. Roman of Cumberland, Maryland, license number MD 11254, and that it was scheduled to depart again at 8:00 A.M. Agent L. B. Horn, on duty, telephonically requested the Washington Field Office to check this information at Cumberland, Maryland, and at 2:05 A.M. (Apr. 9th) Agent L. M. Riley called to advise that the plane's owner, Mr. Roman, was in California; that the plane for the past two months had been stored at the Municipal Airport, Atlantic City, N. J. Agent Horn thereupon ascertained by telephone from Mr. Baldwin, superintendent of the airport, that the plane had left early that evening for Newark, N. J., piloted by Mr. Andrews, one of his pilots, and carrying three passengers, whom he assured Agent were respectable citizens of Atlantic City.



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With reference to the letter of Apr. 14th from the Cincinnati office to the Birmingham office concerning Ford V-8 De Luxe Sedan, motor number 751675, license number 1934, Indiana 86389, believed to have been purchased in Indianapolis, Indiana for the use of John Dillinger, it was ascertained from the New York City Police Department that a teletype broadcast on this car was sent out on Apr. 12th over all states within the New York office territory, as well as others. This information was furnished to the Division by letter of Apr. 19th.

On Apr. 13th a Division teletype message was received directing that Stop Notices as to all subjects of this case be placed with border officials, and steamship and airplane companies. Pursuant thereto a letter was addressed to Mr. Isaac Savard, Custom House, Montreal, Canada, transmitting copies of Identification Orders upon Subjects Dillinger and Hamilton and requesting that they be distributed among the border Customs officers to the end that they may apprehend subjects should they attempt to cross the border. It was also requested that information obtained in this matter be telephoned to the New York Division Office. On Apr. 16th, prior to the receipt of this telegram, in accordance with arrangements completed by various agents of the New York office, Identification Orders on Subjects Dillinger and Hamilton were mailed to the following officials who had agreed to distribute them among their employees:

W. L. Matthews, Manager, United Air Lines, Newark Airport,  
Newark, N. J.  
T. A. Schmidt, Manager, American Air Lines, Newark Airport,  
Newark, N. J.  
J. J. Schwammala, Manager, Eastern Air Transport, Inc.,  
Newark Airport,  
Newark, N. J.  
F. Steele, Chief Dispatcher, New York Bus Lines, 200 West  
33d St., New York City.  
R. Rosen, Division Superintendent, Great Eastern Bus Lines,  
246 West 12nd St., New York City.  
B. Rowick, Manager, Astor Bus Terminal, Astor Hotel,  
New York City.  
J. J. Beyer, Pullman Company, Grand Central Terminal,  
New York City.  
J. J. Moore, Chief Dispatcher, Penn-Greyhound Terminal,  
242 W. 34th St., New York City.



J. J. Van Gensie, President, Dixie Bus Terminal, 341 West  
42nd St., New York City.  
Carl Mangna, Superintendent, Union Motor Coach Terminal,  
59 West 56th St., New York City.  
Harry Wilkins, Chief Dispatcher, Capitol-Grayhound Bus  
Lines, 457 West 129th St., New York City.  
Henry C. Stuart, Assistant Collector, Custom House, New  
York City.  
E. W. Voorhies, U. S. Shipping Commissioner, 215 Barge Office,  
New York City.

On Apr. 20 Mr. Stapleton telephoned from the Division  
to advise that Miss Amanda Thomas, daughter of the Warden of  
the State Penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio, was leaving Washington  
for New York at 2:00 P.M. that day and would be at the Paramount  
Hotel, 45th St. and Broadway, that evening. Mr. Stapleton stated  
that in view of the information received at the Division from  
several sources that Dillinger planned to kidnap Miss Thomas to  
hold as hostage for the release of his confederates now  
incarcerated at the penitentiary, he desired that she be contacted  
and furnished with the telephone number of the New York office  
in the event she desires the services of this Division.

On Apr. 23rd Special Agent F. I. McCarraghy contacted  
Miss Thomas and furnished her with the telephone number of the  
New York office and the home telephone of Special Agent in Charge  
F. J. Fay, and Special Agent Val C. Zimmer, as well. She agreed  
to call in the event she felt herself in danger.

On Apr. 24th Mr. Cottled of the Western Union  
Telegraph Co., 60 Hudson St., New York City, telephonically  
advised the New York Office that he had something of possible  
interest re this case. Agent C. K. Pierstone contacted him and  
was advised that F. F. Fuller of Waterbury, Vermont, was  
transmitting nine hundred dollars via Western Union to E. R.  
Goddard, Barron, Wisconsin, which is near the scene of the  
shooting on the night of Apr. 22nd. Mr. Goddard also stated  
that he was instructing the Montpelier, Vt. Western Union  
office, which office handles money orders from the Waterbury  
office, to accept the money order "subject to delay" in that

as there are no money order facilities at Warren, Wisconsin, the order would have to be handled through the Rice Lake, Wisconsin office; that meanwhile the Waterbury agent would make a list of the numbers of the currency tendered for comparison with the various ransom lists at the bank in which it was deposited.

At 9:30 P.M. the same date, the above information was teletyped to the St. Paul Division Office, attention being directed to page 9 of the report of Special Agent Shivers, Jacksonville, Fla., dated 2/25/34, re Edward Doll, I.O. #1814, for peculiar similarity, in that the same amount was telegraphed from Danville, Wt. At this time the Boston office was telegraphing the information requested to ascertain the connections of Fuller and to wire St. Paul direct. On Apr. 26th a telegram was received from the Boston office advising that Fuller is a farmer who bears a good reputation at Waterbury, where he has resided for ten years; also, that the nine hundred dollars wired was for the purchase of cattle.

On May 1st Special Agent in Charge Larson of the Detroit office telephoned to advise that Mr. Cowley of the Division had informed him that a Mrs. William Whitten of Cardinal, Ontario, Canada, had written a letter to a Chicago police officer, name unknown, stating that Dillinger was in the vicinity of Cardinal, which is near Ottawa. This information was relayed to the Buffalo office by telephone, pursuant to a subsequent telephone conversation between Special Agent in Charge F. X. Fay and Mr. Cowley of the Division.

In regard to the reported appearance of John Dillinger at Binghamton, N.Y., on Apr. 27th, Special Agent Zimmer contacted Chief of Police Abel at Binghamton by telephone on Apr. 28th and was advised by the Chief that a Mr. McCann had called the police on the evening of Apr. 27th to report that two touring cars containing six men and three women had stopped at his store for drinks that evening; that one of the cars bore a 1934 Wisconsin license, and the other an Illinois license; that while Mr. McCann was in his store changing the bill which the occupants of the cars had given him in payment for the drinks, the cars drove away, headed east, out of Binghamton.



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Chief Abel advised Agent Winter that he placed little reliance on Dr. McCann's statement, having known him for quite some time as a man whose imagination is quite lively and who has been subject to hallucinations in the past. The Chief stated, however, that as a precautionary measure he did furnish the information over the teletype that two cars bearing Wisconsin and Illinois tags, respectively, had left Binghamton. Chief Abel also stated that he had not called the New York Division Office since he believed the whole story was based upon McCann's imagination; also, that he had been able to find no one else in Binghamton who had seen the two cars referred to.

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U. S. Department of Justice

511 Hurley-Wright Bldg.,  
Washington, D. C.

May 12, 1934.



Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: John Herbert Dillinger, w.a., Fugitive,  
I.O. #1217, et al,  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act,  
Obstruction of Justice.

Mr. James McKenna, Passport Division, Department of State  
on May 11, 1934 informed Agent Burruss of the receipt of a cablegram  
from the American Ambassador at London, England as follows:

"Scotland Yard has asked if Embassy has definite  
information that Dillinger has left the United  
States".

Mr. McKenna advised that this message had reference to a  
cablegram sent by the Department of State to the American Consul at  
Glasgow, Scotland on May 3, 1934 concerning rumors to the effect that  
Dillinger was on board the S.S. Duchess of York due to arrive at Glasgow  
on the morning of May 4, 1934.

The message from the American Ambassador at London was  
brought to the attention of Mr. Cowley of the Division who advised that  
the Department of State should be informed that the information con-  
cerning Dillinger having left the United States was not conclusive.

Agent Burruss informed Mr. McKenna accordingly, and  
he advised that a cablegram would be sent to the American Embassy at  
London, England to that effect.

Very truly yours,

*L. R. Pennington*

L. R. PENNINGTON, Assistant  
Special Agent in Charge.

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